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- A. Yes, and then we went to Kansas City.
- Q. And after you arrived in Kansas City what happened?
- A. Well we ate in a place called Ruggles. Then we both at that time got drunk. Neither one of us were able to drive back to St. Joe so he suggested that we rent this tourist cottage and the tourist cottage is just outside of Kansas City near a little place called Riverside. I didn't even know where we was until I woke up the next morning — it wasn't the next morning, it must have been in the middle of the night, wasn't it?
- Q. Well, I don't know.
- Q. Well don't you recall coming to St. Louis?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And don't you recall a short distance outside of Kansas City that you and CARL HALL stopped the car?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Well just --
- A. He stopped the car and went around to the back and I was half asleep -- I slept most of -- all the way. He slammed the trunk lid and then he got back in the car. And then he drove into St. Louis.
- Q. And arrived here at what time?
- A. Well it was early in the morning 'cause we had to wait for a bar to open, I think it was about 6:00 o'clock. Some of them open about 6:00 o'clock. So we went in this bar and he leaves me in the bar and is gone quite a while and when he comes back he has a red used car and he told me that he parked the Ford some place around there in St. Louis, Missouri. Then I wanted to go to a hotel and he didn't want to. He wanted to get an apartment, he said, so we drove to this apartment on Arsenal Street. He left me in the car and went in and rented the apartment. CARL HALL rented the apartment and came back and got me out of the car and I was just blind, I was just staggering he had to lead me in. So

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we got up there in the room and went right to bed after I
I had looked in one grip and saw the money.

Q. Did you look in the grip before you went to bed?

A. Yes, and then I just was out.

Q. Did you look in both grips?

A. I don't know whether I looked in both or not. I looked in one
and remember seeing a lot of money. In the condition I was, I
can't remember exactly whether I looked in both of them or not.

Q. When you arrived at this apartment on Arsenal Street what luggage
did you have?

A. I didn't have any. He just had these grips.

Q. CARL HALL had two grips?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you look into one of these grips?

A. Yes, I did. I saw a lot of money.

Q. Did you notice the denominations?

A. No, I never picked any of them up.

Q. Was CARL HALL in the room at this particular time?

A. Yes, he was on the bed asleep.

Q. Did you say anything to CARL about the money?

A. No, because he was practically out anyway and I couldn't have
got him woke up.

Q. And after you looked in the grip and saw all that money --

A. I just flopped and passed out on the bed.

Q. There wasn't any 'phone in the room?

A. No.

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A. If I had gone to the police, I'd had to go out to do it or told someone and I wasn't in any shape to walk even.

Mr. THORNTON: Mrs. HEADY, you own a home in St. Joseph? A. Yes.

Mr. THORNTON: You own a farm up in what part of Missouri?

A. On 71 Highway.

Mr. THORNTON: You have some income of your own and have been a substantial citizen?

A. Yes, yes.

Mr. THORNTON: You knew the boy had disappeared? Why didn't you call the police?

A. I should have, I know that but I thought if I called the police they'd come and take him away and I love him very much and want to keep him. We had been very happy together and I wanted to keep him.

CHIEF O'CONNELL: How long did you sleep?

A. I think it was around noon when I woke up.

Q. That would be Monday, October 5th that you arrived here, around noon?

A. Yes.

Q. Was CARL HALL still in bed?

A. No, he was gone and so were the bags.

Q. Did you know where he went?

A. No, I didn't. I was almost frantic. All I found was a note sitting on the dresser.

Q. When was the next time you saw CARL HALL?

A. Not until this morning, the morning when you brought him in.

Q. The morning of October 7th?

A. Yes, he sent me a note yesterday afternoon and in it was the keys.

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- Q. I hand you this paper here and will you just please read this for the stenographer and see if that is the note that you found on your dresser at your Arsenal Street address.
- A. Had to move bags in a hurry. A report came in on the radio. Girl next door looked funny. Couldn't wake you up so stay here and I'll call when I can.
- Q. I'll now show you another note here that came yesterday afternoon with a cab driver. Will you please read that for the stenographer? The key to the apartment door was in this note. He had gone off and taken the keys with him so he sent this note and the keys back.
- A. Stay where you are Baby. I'll see you in short order. Tell them you're not well and they'll (the landlady) will bring you food. Just say your husband was called away unexpectedly.
- Q. Well when you woke up on Monday there and found that CARL HALL was gone did he leave you any money?
- A. He left me, I guess, that money that you found in my purse but I didn't find it until today. I didn't know it was there until today. I didn't count it and didn't open it, but I believe it did say \$2,000 didn't it. I had some money of my own and I went out in the afternoon.
- Q. This package was found in your pocketbook here and it has a notation "Kansas City, September 24, 1953, \$2,000."
- A. I thought there was \$2,000 on it.
- Q. Did he give you this in person or did he just leave you this.
- A. It was in my purse way down in the bottom and I didn't find it until yesterday when I went down to buy some food.
- Q. Did you know how it got there, that CARL HALL had to put it there?
- A. No one else was there at the time.
- Q. There is also a notation on the rear of this. "Kansas City, September 24, 1953, Saxton, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. These bills are all in \$20.00 denominations.

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A. I didn't take any out unless he did.

Q. You haven't taken any out?

A. No. It was completely down on the bottom of my purse and I didn't have any reason to look in my purse until I went to buy food and then I looked in there and found them.

Q. Have you any knowledge of where this baby is at the present time?

A. No I do not.

Q. CARE HALL didn't discuss that matter with you other than this one particular day when you asked him or showed him the newspaper?

A. I mentioned it a time or two afterward but didn't get any information.

Q. And he had never discussed that any more than this one particular day on a Monday.

A. Yes, I mentioned it to him a time or two every time I had read the paper. I'd say something to him about it but never got any information.

Mr. THORNTON: You have said the last time you saw the boy was the day you took him from the school. It is very important to us.

A. When I got out of the car at the Plaza is the last time I saw the boy.

MR. THORNTON: It is very important to us to get any information about the boy now. We would like to find him alive.

A. I certainly hope so.

MR. THORNTON: Was he in your home at St. Joseph?

A. Never.

MR. THORNTON: Did you buy him any clothes or food?

A. No, I didn't buy him anything. He said he bought him ice cream.

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What I can't figure out is why he sent me up-town just as soon as we got home from Kansas City on that Monday.

- Q. How soon did you go back home from Kansas City?
- A. The same day the boy was kidnapped.
- Q. How did you go back to St. Joseph?
- A. In a station wagon.
- Q. Was there any luggage in that wagon which would have been large enough for the boy to be in?
- A. That's just what I'm thinking. There was a plastic cover in the back seat and a large comfort because I have a boxer dog and I carry that comfort in there for this Boxer to lay on and also a Nutrena feed bag.
- Q. How big a bag?
- A. Twenty-five lbs.
- Q. Since you thought of this did you think it's possible that the child could have been taken back there laid along side of the Nutrena?
- A. It's possible and just what I've been wondering. I have been wondering that lately since this happened. I didn't think of it today at all. I just never glanced in back and I didn't pay any attention.
- Q. Were you ever with him since the boy was kidnapped and he purchased secondal---any drugs in any drug store?
- A. No. I know he took dexadrine.
- Q. Make goof balls out of them?
- A. No, he just took them. I took one once in a while.
- Q. From the time you saw the boy last in his company, could you remember about how long it was until he picked you up again?
- A. It was about two hours.
- Q. What time was it when you got to the Plaza the first time?

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- Q. What was the importance of getting you out that fast?
- A. That is what I wonder now because he didn't have to have it that day.
- Q. What else did he send you for?
- A. He sent me to buy some ties downtown and a tie clasp.
- Q. Would that have been farther than the laundry?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long were you gone?
- A. I expect 2 hours.
- Q. Shopping?
- A. Yes.
- Q. After you got back did you ever go down in the basement?
- A. He brought the feed up from the basement and set it at the top of the stairs in the hallway.
- Q. Would the plastic cover have been big enough to roll the boy up in?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did CARL ever have any associates?
- A. Just BARNEY FATTON for dinner.
- Q. Who is BARNEY FATTON?
- A. He is an attorney in St. Joe.
- Q. Did he have any other friends that visited with him?
- A. None that he visited with. He talked on the 'phone a time or two with some fellow who worked with him in insurance.
- Q. Do you know his name?

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- A. He called him some kind of a nickname. I believe he called him BUSTER.
- Q. Do you know anyone by the name of TOM MARCH?
- A. No.
- Q. Have you ever been in Pittsburgh, Kansas?
- A. I believe I've been through there about 10 or 15 years ago.
- Q. Did you ever stop at any hotels or motels?
- A. No.
- Q. Can you give a description of this boy that was turned over by the Sister?
- A. Yes. He had light brown hair, was small for his age, had on a white shirt and brown trousers.
- Q. And how old would you say he was?
- A. Well I couldn't guess, but I believe the papers said six.
- Q. Did he look it?
- A. He looked young for his age.
- Q. And you have no idea where the boy is at the present time.
- A. No I don't. You have just as good an idea as I have now that I told you everything.
- Q. Is there anything else that you would like to tell?
- A. I can't think of anything that would have any bearing on the case. I did leave the house and go to the beauty shop.
- Q. Will you make the same statement in the presence of CARL HALL in a statement that you have made here this morning in the presence of these others?
- A. Yes.

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Q. After your statement is completed will you sign it?

A. Yes.

Q. As you realize, Mr. THORNTON mentioned previously to you there that any statement you may make can be used against you in court. You have not been intimidated or coerced in any way.

A. But, don't you think I should have a lawyer and get his advice.

MR. THORNTON: Do you have one in St. Joseph?

A. Well I know one. His name is ROSENTHAL, WILLIAM and then I have a lawyer that handles any affairs up at Maryville, Mo., that also took care of my business - HAROLD HULL as I think I definitely need one. ~~Mo.~~

MR. THORNTON: You don't have to sign it unless you wish.

A. Wait until I talk to one of them.

MR. THORNTON: Everything is true? You haven't told us anything that isn't true?

A. Yes, but I just wanted to know whether it was the thing to do.

MR. THORNTON: You can read the statement before you sign it.

A. I don't need to read it. I know everything that is in it and make any corrections you desire to make.

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III. CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A. ACTIVITIES OF CARL AUSTIN HALL

The following information regarding HALL's activities was obtained by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on October 12, 1953, during interview with HALL. b7c

HALL stated that he and HEADY picked up the ransom money at the appointed place between 11:30 p.m. and midnight, Sunday, October 4, 1953. He stated that both of them had been drinking heavily prior to the pick up. He put the duffel bag containing the ransom in the back of the car and started out as fast as possible. He estimates that they were approximately ten to twelve miles east of Kansas City, Missouri. They traveled on U. S. 40. HALL stated that he thought a car followed him after the pick up and that by the time they reached North Kansas City he became convinced that he was under surveillance and that the car had obtained his license number. He said it was at that time he realized that the jig was up. He stated that it threw him into a panic. He did not believe HEADY had reached the same decision as she wanted him to return to their residence in St. Joseph.

He said they had no prior plan of coming to St. Louis and that it was decided by him on the spur of the moment. This was the reason he had no luggage or toilet articles in the car. He said that he had approximately \$80 to \$100 of his own money at that time. He stated that they had stopped at 31st and Forest in Kansas City at a bar which he knew to be open between 12:00 and 1:30 and called the GREENLEASE residence telling them he would wire them the following morning as to where the child could be found in Pittsburg, Kansas. He estimated that he was approximately thirteen miles from the place of the ransom pick up at the time he made the call.

They continued east on U. S. Highway 40. He was unable to estimate the speed but stated that he must have been driving quite fast as there was very little traffic. He said some time after they left the outskirts of Kansas City he stopped the car and told HEADY he was going to see if they had a bag of money or a bag of paper. He opened the trunk of the car and raised the flap of the duffel bag till he could see it actually contained currency. He slipped one package of the currency out of the bag and put it in his pocket. He did this without untying the knotted rope. He got back in the car and told HEADY he had never seen so much money.

He had no recollection that he had changed license plates on the automobile. HALL stated that the condition of his kidneys requires that he stop every half hour to forty-five minutes in order to relieve himself;

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and that although he cannot recall definitely making such stops, he undoubtedly did stop on several occasions during the trip to St. Louis.

The next stop he remembers was an unknown location where he purchased a carton of cigarettes. He did not recall whether it was in a town or merely along the highway but he did remember that there were white restaurant stools in the place.

The next thing he remembers is a bridge which he believes to be the bridge at Boonville, Missouri. He stated that he had gone to school at Boonville, and that he had always associated the roaring noise when a car went over the bridge with a noise made by a subway. He does not recall stopping on or near the bridge but stated he could have stopped at a filling station in the vicinity for gasoline and to obtain matches. He was unable to recall any further stops.

He was of the opinion that no more than eight or ten words were spoken between himself and HEADY during the entire trip. They had a bottle of whiskey along and both would take a drink from time to time.

He stated that the more he thought about the blue zipper bag he had mentioned to other agents previously, the more he believed he had that memory confused with a prior occurrence, and he believed that he did not, in fact, have any luggage in the car with the exception of the duffel bag in the trunk.

They arrived in St. Louis very early in the morning of October 5, 1953, estimated by him between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. They looked for a bar but were unable to find one open immediately. He stated that HEADY had slept for most of the trip, but she was awake by the time they reached St. Louis. He did not remember whether he took old U. S. Highway 40 or new U. S. Highway 40 to St. Louis, but he definitely recalled that they did not pass through St. Charles, Missouri, which indicates they traveled on new US 40.

They finally succeeded in finding a restaurant but could not remember the location. They went in after which he left HEADY to do the ordering and he went to a nearby bar which was then open and called BARNEY PATTON in St. Joseph. He requested PATTON to destroy the rental record of the automobile in which they were traveling. PATTON wanted more information and did not agree to destroy the record. HALL returned to the restaurant where HEADY had ordered ham and eggs for both of them. He was unable to eat his but she consumed approximately half of hers. He estimates that they were in the restaurant a total of about twenty minutes.

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They returned to the car and the next stop he recalled was a bar which he later, being questioned by other agents, determined to be in the 3500 block of Jefferson Street. He said that he just remembered going to another bar and that the address was not his own independent recollection. He said they had a couple of drinks in the bar after which they called a cab which arrived in about fifteen minutes and which he believed to be a Yellow Cab.

They left the rented Ford with the duffel bag located in the trunk compartment and came downtown in St. Louis in the taxi looking for a luggage store. They finally found a store which was not yet open but which he believed would open soon as it was near 9:00 a.m. They, as well as the taxi driver, went to a nearby bar and had two or three drinks. HALL left them in the bar and went to the luggage place which was open by that time and purchased the two metal suitcases, which were found at the time of his arrest. He said the purpose of his obtaining the suitcases was to transfer the money to them from the duffel bag. He carried both the empty suitcases to the taxi, then went into the bar and came out with HEADY and the driver, the latter of whom placed the suitcases in the trunk. They then returned to the bar where they left the rented Ford and dismissed the cab driver. They then drove in the rented car to an alley in St. Louis where they transferred the money from the duffel bag to the two suitcases. He recalled that the rope around the top of the duffel bag was tied so tight that it was necessary for him to cut it with his knife. This leads him to believe that he had not opened the duffel bag at any previous time inasmuch as it would have been necessary for him to have cut the rope at such previous time, and even if he had succeeded in untying it, he would not have tied it back in such a hard knot.

He stated that the money filled both of the metal suitcases clear to the top and that it was necessary for him to remove the tray in one of them in order for it to hold the necessary money. He said that the suitcases were placed on the ground in the back of the car. He did not recall that a man and woman had tried to get by in a car and that it had been necessary for him to move one of the suitcases. He put the duffel bag in a garbage can in the immediate vicinity of where the money was transferred and then placed both the metal trunks in the automobile trunk and locked the lid. They then drove a few blocks, at which place he threw a plastic cover, which he estimated as being approximately three yards square and on which the duffel bag had been previously setting in the trunk, on top of a convenient garbage can. He also placed the cut rope on the garbage can. He did not take any more money from the ransom

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at the time of making the transfer. He did not believe that HEADY knew he had obtained the one bundle previously mentioned.

They went to another bar at an unknown location, had a few drinks and he left BONNIE and the bags there while he abandoned the rented car a block or so from that location. He stated he walked back to the bar and estimated the time as being from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. They had a few more drinks and began arguing as she wanted to go to a hotel, which he seemed to recall was the Chase, while he "knew we were hot" and wanted to get in a nice quiet place and get "holed up." He said that HEADY was obviously intoxicated and he believed that their entrance into a hotel lobby might leave lasting impressions on those observing.

He called another cab, kind and color unknown, in which they went to a bus station in downtown St. Louis. The metal trunks were placed in the rear trunk compartment of the cab. His purpose in taking the cab to the bus station was to avert possible suspicion. He believed that a check might be made of cabbies delivering persons to residences after having picked them up in bars, and it was his idea to either arrive at an apartment to rent in a cab originally obtained from a bus depot or in a used car which he intended to purchase.

They went into the bus station, argued briefly as to whether they should go to a hotel or to try to rent an apartment, after which he consulted the yellow pages of the telephone book for the address of a used car lot. He selected an address on Kingshighway. They hailed a cab and went out to the lot. He believes this cab to have been a Yellow Cab. They first entered a bar across the street from the used car lot where he again made a long distance call to BARNEY PATTON in St. Joseph to determine whether he had complied with HALL's request to destroy the records of the rented car at the rental agency in St. Joseph. PATTON told him he had not been to the rental agency, and that he would like to be of assistance to him, but that he needed more information before he would do anything. HALL told him he would send him money or anything, to please not ask him any questions but to do it and it would be greatly appreciated but PATTON refused.

HALL then went to the car lot where he purchased a 1947 red four-door Nash for \$450. He recalled the salesman first told him the price was \$350 but after consulting the manager raised the price to \$450. HALL returned to the bar and the salesman brought the necessary papers over to complete the deal. HEADY was extremely angry because he had purchased a used car as she thought he should have at least bought a new one. HALL

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stated that his only purpose in purchasing the used car was to avert any possible suspicion when he and HEADY arrived at any apartment of other living quarters they were able to obtain.

He placed the suitcases in the back seat of the Nash and they drove a few blocks and parked. They walked to a nearby bar stopping briefly at a drug store to purchase a morning paper. They went into the bar and a woman at the bar helped them find an advertisement of an apartment for rent in the vicinity of their location at the time. They picked one out, he telephoned the landlady and told her they would be over right away to look at it. The lady barkeeper gave them directions as to how to reach the apartment. It was not far from the bar. They found it fit and paid \$20 rent in advance plus a \$5 deposit for the key. He estimated that they arrived at the apartment at approximately 11:30 a.m. or 12 noon. He said that HEADY was "well looped" by that time and that he had to help her in the apartment. He explained to the landlady that his wife was ill. HALL carried the suitcases into the apartment one at a time because they were so heavy he was unable to carry both of them at the same time. He estimated that the large one weighed between forty and fifty pounds and that the smaller one weighed between thirty and thirty-five pounds.

He dropped HEADY on the bed and she immediately went to sleep. HALL laid down for a few minutes and may have dozed briefly but did not believe he had gone to sleep. He was thinking of getting rid of the money because he could never tell what HEADY would do in her condition. The possibility of her doublecrossing him never entered his mind because he did not believe she could stay sober long enough to think out a plan for doublecrossing him. He said that she was very unstable and erratic and might see a man out on the street she liked, invite him in, and give him a thousand dollars. He then decided to abandon the red Nash. He left the bags in the apartment after which he left and abandoned the Nash a few blocks from the apartment. He then called a Yellow Cab and went to a bar, location unknown, where he wrote a letter to BARNEY PATTON and enclosed four or five hundred dollars. He stated that PATTON had been instrumental in securing his parole and had befriended him on many occasions, and that he considered that he owed PATTON a debt which he could never repay. He had obtained the envelope from the bartender and mailed the letter at a nearby mail box.

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He noticed a cab driver in the bar watching the world series on television, which would definitely place the time as the early afternoon. He had the cab driver to take him to a shopping district where an appliance store might be found, but after some driving they were unsuccessful in locating an appliance store and they returned to the bar. They then discovered that there was an appliance store very close to the bar, and he and the driver entered the appliance store and purchased a radio for twenty-eight dollars. He thought the cab driver had a Laclede Cab.

He had the cab driver drive him to a corner near the apartment and he got out and walked to that address. HEADY was passed out. He tried to awaken her with no success. He plugged in the radio, laid down, and arose shortly, after which he walked back to the same general neighborhood from which he had just come and called a cab from another tavern on Morganford Road. He remembered that it was Morganford because it had been necessary for him to ask the bartender the name of the street several times before he properly understood it and could tell the cab where to meet him. A Laclede Cab arrived in approximately fifteen minutes and returned him to the apartment. He told the cabby to wait, went inside and wrote a note to HEADY to the effect that someone had looked at the bag suspiciously and that he had heard some disturbing news on the radio. He then took the suitcases, one at a time, and carried them to the entrance. The cab driver helped him carry them to the cab from the entrance. At this time he noted absolutely no difference in the weight of either of the bags from their weights at the time they were filled.

They drove downtown and he told the driver just to drive around for awhile. He believes he may have dozed briefly in the cab. The suitcases were in the trunk of the cab. He recalled they were cruising in the vicinity of the Jefferson Hotel when he decided that he wanted a girl to send to Los Angeles to mail a letter to BARNEY in the belief that the letter would be intercepted and that the authorities would believe he was in Los Angeles. He said that he never had any intention of abandoning HEADY, and that he had expected to return to her after disposing of the money. The cab driver had no connections in regard to the above mentioned, so he made inquiries of other cab drivers in the vicinity and finally came up with JOHNNY HAGER. HAGER had a fare for the Union Station and told the Laclede driver to meet him at the Reed Hotel or Reed Bar. The Laclede Cab drove him to the Reed Bar where he had another drink and where his bags were transferred to JOHNNY HAGER's Ace Cab on the latter's arrival. HALL stated that in every instance, with the exception of the Nash in which the bags had been placed on the rear seat, and one other possible exception in which one bag had been placed in the trunk and the other beside the driver, which he believed to have been HAGER's cab, the trunks had in every

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instance of the taxi trip been locked in the trunk compartment of the taxi cab. He paid the Laclede Cab driver forty dollars and entered HAGER's cab. He believed this was about 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. on the afternoon of October 5, 1953.

HAGER drove him to a cheap section of town and during the ride asked if HALL intended to spend the night with the girl and where he wanted to go. HALL told him he didn't know where, but he might stay two or three nights, and that he wanted HAGER to stick with him with the cab and gave him \$100. Down in the slum section mentioned, HAGER left the cab to get the girl who he introduced on her arrival as SANDY. HALL had not given HAGER his name at that time. They entered the cab, after driving a short distance, stopped and entered a bar where HALL, SANDY O'DAY, and HAGER had approximately two drinks piece. While there, HALL asked the bar keeper for a pencil, some paper, and an envelope, with which he wrote a note to HEADY. HALL paid the liquor bill with a \$20 bill and gave the change to HAGER, estimating it to be between \$15 and \$16. He recalled that while in the bar HAGER indicated to him he was suspicious of him being a law enforcement officer. He recalled thinking that quite amusing at the time. They left the bar and started out for the place where they were to spend the night.

On the way HALL realized he had not recently shaved so he asked HAGER to obtain some shaving equipment for him. After driving a while they stopped at a drug store and HALL noted a Laclede Cab sitting diagonally across the street. He gave the letter he had written in the bar to HAGER and told him to have the cab driver deliver it to HEADY. HAGER took the note to the cab driver and gave him the instructions, after which he entered the drug store and purchased a razor and some shaving cream. On HAGER's emerging from the drug store a traffic policeman accosted him and bawled him out for parking in a no parking zone. HALL stated he was quite frightened and it was a great effort for him to try to appear normal in the presence of the officer. The policeman let HAGER go with merely abawling out, after which they continued toward their destination. They made one more stop at a liquor store for a fifth of whiskey.

They arrived at Coral Court at about 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., according to HALL's best judgement. He sent HAGER in to see if there were any vacancies and HAGER returned stating that there were. HALL then went in and registered. He was unable to recall the name used. He recalled being pleasantly surprised at the rate, which was \$5.50 per day, as he said he had been in places on the west coast that ran as high as \$17 per day

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for similar accommodations. He rented the place for three days. It was room or cabin number 49-A. The room clerk came outside and directed HAGER in the direction of the proper quarters. On arriving all three of them went up to the room with HALL and HAGER each carrying one of the metal suitcase trunks. At that time HALL noted no difference in the weight of the trunk he carried.

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On arriving in the room HALL removed his coat and hung it up in the closet. They then had several drinks from the whiskey bottle. During this time he recalled telling them that he liked a good celebration and that he frequently went on two and three day binges and sometimes spent as much as two or three hundred dollars. He liked a good time and if they stuck with him everything would be fine. He recalled walking over to his coat and obtaining a handfull of bills which he later sat down on the bed and attempted to count. He was interrupted by SANDY and lost count, whereupon he gave the bills to HAGER with instructions to count them. It amounted to \$2,480, so he produced another \$20 to make it an even \$2,500 and gave the entire amount to HAGER with instructions to keep it for him. He then realized that his shirt was dirty and that he had no other clothing. He requested HAGER to obtain a shirt, some underwear and socks for him and to bring them out to the room at about 10:00 p.m. that evening. They then talked about the possibility of their going night clubbing that evening and O'DAY was of the opinion she was not suitably garbed for such an excursion so she requested HAGER to contact her aunt, POLLY LANE, and obtain a dress and other wearing apparel which he should return at the same time he bought the shirts and underwear for HALL. HALL then sent HAGER down to obtain some sandwiches.

While HAGER was gone he gave O'DAY \$200. The money was laying on the bed when HAGER returned with some egg sandwiches. O'DAY then gave HAGER the \$200 on the bed. HALL had no idea why she gave it to him but presumed that it was for safekeeping. HAGER then left.

HALL and O'DAY began drinking. She watched television and he simply drank. He stated that he did not believe he had intercourse with O'DAY at that or any other time because he did not feel himself physically capable. He stated at that time he had not slept for more than thirty-six hours and had not eaten for from three to four days. He said he was existing on nerve whiskey and other drugs he had consumed. He recalled O'DAY mentioning she had a daughter and that she had a farm some place for which she desired to purchase a bull. She asked him for money with which to buy a bull and he recalled thinking at the time why would anyone want to spend money for a bull. Whiskey, yes, but not a bull. He told her at that time that if she would comply with his request to mail a letter for him from Los Angeles he would buy her the biggest bull they could find. He then told her that his purpose in picking her up was to have her fly to Los Angeles with a letter he would give her which she was to mail from that city.

HALL stated definitely that he did not fall asleep at any time between the time that HAGER left and later returned at approximately ten to ten thirty, p.m. He recalled sending O'DAY downstairs for ice on one occasion but he had no

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information as to whether or not she made telephone calls while gone or whether she actually obtained ice on the trip. He said that during this entire period the metal cases were in the room and plainly in view.

HAGER returned with the dress and other clothing for O'DAY in a paper bag and brought HALL the underwear, shirt and socks, as requested. They had a few drinks and then went out of the room to get something to eat. By that time they had decided not to go on a nightclub spree but to eat as close to the court as possible. They found a small restaurant, he estimates approximately one mile from the court. It was noted that he did not have the bags with him during this trip. He stated that the restaurant was not Pink's Bar, to the best of his knowledge. He recalled that both he and O'DAY ordered steaks and that HAGER ordered fried chicken. HALL was unable to eat. HAGER paid the bill for their meal and they returned to the court. They had several more drinks during which HALL instructed HAGER to rent a car for him and to return the following morning. He also requested HAGER to buy a leather suitcase and a brief case for him. About midnight or 1:00 a.m. HAGER left.

HALL and O'DAY sat around and drank for a while, after which HALL took the keys to the trunks out of his pocket and stuffed them into the pillow case of his pillow. He does not recall whether or not O'DAY was asleep when he went to sleep.

The next he remembers was when he awakened the following morning. O'DAY awakened at approximately the same time. They just sat around and drank and waited for the arrival of HAGER. HALL tried to get O'DAY to get hold of one of the maids to bring them something to eat and some coffee. HALL noted that the keys to the trunks were in the same place he had put them when he awakened. O'DAY must have felt the keys with her elbow because she dumped the pillow up and the keys fell out. She asked what they were and HALL told her they were simply keys of his and then put them in his pocket. He estimated that they awakened at approximately 8:30 a.m. He recalled looking at his watch frequently to determine how long it would be before HAGER returned. He had instructed HAGER to return at either nine or ten a.m., during which time O'DAY called to a maid from the balcony and requested her to obtain some food for them, but the maid consulted the manager and advised them that she was not allowed to do this.

HAGER arrived at about 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. He was late and apologized for having overslept. HALL sent HAGER back out to get them some sandwiches and coffee. HAGER returned shortly with fried egg sandwiches

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and coffee. HALL thinks he had instructed HAGER to obtain some plain stationery and envelopes for him or he could have written on a Coral Court piece of stationery with the top letterhead portion torn off. At any rate, he wrote a letter to BARNEY PATTON in St. Joseph, Missouri, indicating that he was contemplating leaving the country. HALL enclosed the key to the residence in St. Joseph in the envelope. He stated that the purpose of writing this letter was to throw the authorities off the track as he believed the letter would be intercepted and that they would think he had mailed it from Los Angeles. As above stated, he had already advised O'DAY he wanted her to take a letter to Los Angeles and mail it for him. He gave O'DAY \$1,000 to cover her expenses of the trip. At this point HALL stated that he had obtained a thousand dollars from one of the trunks. He said he had instructed O'DAY to go into the bathroom and while she was there, with the door tightly closed, he opened the smaller trunk just enough to get his hand in and take one sheaf of bills from the top. He placed the bills in the brief case HAGER had purchased for him and delivered. He was positive that O'DAY did not observe him opening the trunk and stated that to his knowledge she had no way of knowing what was inside either of the trunks. He stated that up to that time he had not opened one of the trunks before since he had filled them.

HALL then told O'DAY and HAGER that his plans had changed somewhat and that he wanted HAGER to take O'DAY down to the nearest cab stand, after which he should return for HALL. O'DAY and HAGER then left and HAGER returned in approximately three quarters of an hour. During HAGER's absence HALL again opened the smaller metal suitcase and extracted \$20,000 which he placed in the brief case. At that time the money was in the same condition as it had been when originally placed in the case and there was no appearance of its having been disturbed in any way. HALL locked the case. He stated that he kept them locked at all times and the keys in his possession. On HAGER's return HALL asked him to drive him to a hardware store in some locality where HAGER could obtain a cab as HALL wanted to use the car. He recalls telling HAGER that he wanted to go see a man about a dog. HAGER then drove him to a large shopping center where a hardware store was found. On entering the parking lot HALL saw a cab and told HAGER he should flag it down and have it wait for him.

Then then went across the street to the hardware store and HAGER left him in the taxicab. HALL states that he recalls asking HAGER to obtain morphine, a syringe and some needles and advised that he had made the request purely for the purpose of making HAGER think he was a drug addict. He said further he told HAGER he had lost his bags and morphine, etc., which story was also purely for the purpose of reasonably explaining his lack of luggage and other clothing. He recalled having asked HAGER to borrow his

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driver's license and that HAGER had replied he had only a chauffeur's license with HAGER's picture on it so HALL decided not to borrow the license. Also during the trip, he recalled having told HAGER to rent him a nice apartment in a good residential district where they could rest a while. He instructed HAGER to meet him back in the court at 4:00 p.m. The two separated at approximately 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

After HAGER left HALL purchased two garbage cans, some plastic spray, and a shovel at the hardware store. The lady clerk scarried his purchases out to the car. He stated that he had specifically instructed HAGER to find a hardware store on '66' (which is Chippewa) as he did not know St. Louis and wanted to be sure he could get back out past the court. At the time he and HAGER had left the court to go to the hardware store, they had carried the bags down from the room and had locked them in the trunk of the rented car. HALL stated that he noticed no difference in the weight of the metal suitcase he helped carry. HALL stated that on the trip down to the hardware store with HAGER he recalled having told him that if he luck with him (HALL) he would never have to work again, that he would buy HAGER a motel down in Florida. He also recalled having told HAGER to get himself a good suit, some shoes, and to buy nothing but the best. He had also requested HAGER to obtain for him some bogus identification.

After purchasing the garbage cans and other equipment, HALL proceeded in the rented car west on '66'. He recalled seeing a road east of the Meramec River bridge which wound around a bluff and he drove up the road seeking a place to bury the money. However, he noted that there was some red clay and it was muddy and he was afraid he would get the car stuck so he came back down the road and across the bridge. He took a macadam road to the right and then made two right turns, the last one being near a sign pointing to "Long Beach". He said that he was up and down this road from one end to the other several times as far as he could go looking for a place where he could securely bury the money. He said he drove over all kinds of back roads for the same purpose and that since he had an appointment to meet HAGER at 4:00 P. M. at the court he drove as fast as possible. He said he could easily have placed seventy to eighty miles on the car during the hours he was away from HAGER in this pursuit. He recalled that one farm which is situated on a hill had appeared ideal but he noticed three or four dogs there and considered it unsafe to attempt to hide the money there. He said he found several goodplaces but that in every instance there was something that made him aware of a lack of privacy for which reason he continued his search. He stated he got lost once and came out on Highway 30 and then had to inquire at a nearby filling

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station as to how to get back on '66'. He recalled having driven up one muddy road that came to a dead end.

He returned to a restaurant in the vicinity of Coral Court, which he believes to be Angelo's restaurant, under the erroneous impression that it was the Pink Bar at which he had previously told HAGER he would meet him at 4:00 pm. He had a bottle of beer, waited a few moments, after which he told the lady in charge that if a man came looking for STEVE to tell him STEVE had gone back to the place. HALL then went to the room at the court where he waited ten to fifteen minutes, after which he returned to the restaurant and asked if it was Pink's Bar. They told him no and directed him to the bar which was across the street. HALL went to the Pink Bar and made the same inquiry and told them to give HAGER the same message, after which he returned to the room and waited approximately twenty to thirty minutes.

HALL stated that the sole and only purpose of his trip alone in the car had been to bury the money, and that on being unable to find a suitable hiding place for it so he had placed the cans and shovel where he could easily find them again as he intended to return the following day and devote the entire day, if necessary, to properly hiding the money. He stated that from the time he and HAGER loaded the metal trunks in the back end of the rented car before HAGER drove him to the hardware store to the time he returned to Coral Court the trunk lid of the automobile was not opened.

At approximately 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. HALL observed HAGER approaching the room. HAGER had on a new suit, a new hat and shoes. When HAGER entered the room HALL stated he told him he was glad to see him. HALL stated he could not recall having told HAGER he felt relieved because he had shipped a bundle. On his arrival HAGER delivered to HALL bogus identifications consisting of a photostat of an army discharge, a Social Security card and a medical record of one JOHN J. OBYRNE. HALL had previously torn up his own identification and flushed same down the stool. HALL then realized that his clothes were quite soiled and he decided to obtain new ones. The manager at the Pink Bar had advised him that the stores in Clayton, Missouri, were open that evening so he asked HAGER to take him to Clayton. They left the room and entered the car. HALL stated that the metal trunks were still locked in the trunk compartment. They drove to Clayton and found that the Famous-Barr store was closed. They stopped a passer-by who directed them to Boyd's Store. They went to Boyds where HALL told the salesman he wanted a suit right away. He was advised that the tailors were loaded up and that he would be unable

to obtain any suit ordered for perhaps several days. HALL recalled asking the salesman, "Do you gamble? I'll bet ten dollars you can have a suit ready for me in a big hurry". He gave the salesman \$10 and picked out a Hickey-Freeman suit for \$122.00. He also purchased shoes, a hat, cuff links, handkerchiefs, two pairs of socks, a belt, and perhaps a tie or so. He instructed HAGER to purchase six shirts for him while he got the shoes. They were in quite a hurry inasmuch as the store closed while they were in it. After they left Boyds they started on the way back to Coral Court. During the trip HALL recalled having decided to move at once to the apartment he had previously requested HAGER to rent for him, to which HAGER on his return had advised he had in fact rented, but later during the trip he decided not to move. He recalled that as they neared Coral Court he instructed HAGER to go on past the Court as he had a hunch something might be wrong. They continued east on highway 66 to a restaurant where they stopped for a sandwich and a bottle of beer. HALL was unable to eat. He recalled suggesting to HAGER that the latter obtain a girl for him that night, and while they were in the restaurant HAGER made a call, apparently to some girl for the date. He recalled having told HAGER to tell the girl he would give her two or three hundred dollars. After trying to eat he decided to return to the Court, which they did.

Each of them carried one of the metal trunks up to the room. Just as HALL opened the door he saw a car drive up behind the rented car and leave its lights on. He became frightened and told HAGER to lock the metal trunks up in the trunk compartment of the rented car. When HAGER came back up they had a drink and HALL decided to move to the apartment immediately. They drove to the new apartment and parked at the side entrance. He recalled seeing an old man there who he asked to get a bellboy to handle their luggage. The old man unloaded the luggage from the car trunk to a hand truck in the doorway and a bellboy took the luggage from there. They went up to the third floor by elevator. They experienced some difficulty in getting the right apartment because the rooms had been recently renumbered and it was necessary for the bellboy to make at least two trips downstairs to get the proper key. HAGER accompanied the bellboy on one such trip.

HALL recalled that they unlocked one door and found the apartment inside occupied, whereupon the bellboy apologized for the intrusion. On arriving in their apartment HAGER tipped the bellboy, HALL thinks, a couple of dollars, after which HALL told the bellboy to bring up one Coca Cola. He did not want two because HAGER indicated he was going to leave to get a girl soon. HALL looked around the apartment and told HAGER he thought it was satisfactory. HAGER then said he was going after the girl and that he thought if she had a friend he would get another one and they would really have a party. HALL remembered asking HAGER how long he would be and HAGER had replied half an hour or so.

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Soon after HAGER left, the bell boy returned with the one Coca Cola. HALL thinks he tipped him fifty cents. Before HAGER left, he told HALL that when he returned he would rap three times on the door.

HAGER was gone approximately thirty to forty minutes. When he called the apartment to ask if everything was all right, HALL assured him everything was. Within a very few minutes, HALL heard the three knocks at the door and, presuming it was HAGER, opened the main door as well as a shutter-type door to the apartment. Two men, one of whom was in uniform, the other in plain clothes, rushed into the apartment. The man in uniform had a pistol in his hand. The plain clothes man advised HALL that he was under arrest. HALL asked him what for, but was told to sit down on the bed and that he would be told later. Both men proceeded to look around the apartment and the big man in plain clothes entered the closet where the two metal cases had been placed. HALL said he remembered thinking right then that the jig was up. He said he thought he heard the sound of one of the cases being opened. He stated that immediately on entering the room, the big man had taken the keys to the cases from his, HALL'S, breast pocket. He stated, however, on leaving the closet, the plain clothes man made no mention of any discovery he had made and said absolutely nothing about any money, which made HALL feel that perhaps he had not opened one of the bags and was still unaware that the cases contained the ransom money. After searching for a short while, HALL noted that the big man in plain clothes left the apartment briefly. The writer asked if the big man had any luggage in his hand when he left, whereupon HALL replied that he definitely had not carried any luggage, and that if he had anything in his hand at that time, he seemed to remember that it was the bogus identification papers furnished him by HAGER.

When the big man returned after only a moment's absence, he did not have the papers in his hand. A few moments later, the officers took HALL from the apartment. HALL estimates that the search could not have lasted more than ten minutes in all and that during that entire period nothing was said about money, the kidnapping, or why he was being arrested.

On entering the hall from the apartment, the big man, later determined by HALL to be Lieutenant SHOULDERS, advised him that it would be necessary to take him down to the station and that they would take him by the back stairs and the back door so that if he checked out all right, he would not have been embarrassed before the other hotel guests. The uniformed policeman then took HALL by the arm and led him down the hall to the extreme rear of the building. On the way down, HALL happened

to glance back over his shoulder and observed Lt. SHOULDERS talking to a man in the middle of the hall way. On reaching the end of the corridor, HALL and the officer discovered they could not enter the back steps at that point, whereupon they returned part way forward and met Lt. SHOULDERS. The man to whom SHOULDERS had been talking had disappeared by that time. They then proceeded down the back steps and out the back door and around the side of the building. As they came opposite the side entrance of the building, HALL observed an automobile parked at the entrance with the interior light on and a blond woman sitting inside. They then walked to the right in front of the apartment building to the police car which was parked by the side of the Congress Hotel. The uniformed officer drove and all three of them sat in the front seat with HALL in the middle. HALL stated emphatically that no luggage was removed by anyone at the time he was taken from the apartment and that neither Lt. SHOULDERS nor the uniformed officer carried luggage down or put it in the car in his presence, and that the luggage was still in the room when they left. He said that the only comment concerning any of the luggage made at any time was when Lt. SHOULDERS picked up the brief case from behind the large leather suit case, opened it, and saw HALL'S wallet inside which contained approximately \$700. He closed the brief case and told HALL to watch him replace it where he had found it.

HALL stated that he did not believe the car was identified as a police car, but appeared to be a plain dark automobile. He was driven directly to station headquarters, the trip consuming not to exceed ten minutes.

HALL places the time of their leaving the apartment building at 8:15 p.m. because he recalled glancing at his watch two or three times during the absence of HAGER as well as at the exact time HAGER left, which had been 7:20 p.m. Based on his judgement that HAGER was gone for forty minutes, and the search at the time of arrest required forty minutes, the time would have been approximately 8:15.

On arriving at the station, he was immediately ushered to the desk where he was searched and all his personal belongings taken from him. He gave his name as STEVEN J. BYRNE. He was then immediately taken to a cell where he said he tried for two solid hours to get the turnkey to get SHOULDERS for him so he could talk to SHOULDERS. At the end of that period, SHOULDERS came to the cell alone and accused HALL of being one of the kidnapers. SHOULDERS told HALL to think it over and give him all the information and he would get a promotion, adding that he "couldn't hold this up much longer". Hall recalled being asked numerous questions but stated that he was quite panicky

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at that point and that he had no idea of the answers he gave. He said he was questioned "quite a while" and then sat and simply waited. He recalled the turnkey mentioning on one occasion that "we got a hell of a lot of money out front". HALL stated that he was then brought out and taken to a small room where he was questioned by several men. Then they took him out to the apartment where he had left HEADY and they picked her up. He stated that he was half out of his mind by the time they returned to the station, and he recalled that he was taken to the hospital at some time. After the hospital, they returned to the station where he was again questioned.

On the following morning, he was brought to the City Jail in St. Louis. HALL stated that his gun was hidden in the drawer of the telephone stand at the apartment and that at no time during the arrest in the apartment was he asked if he had a gun. He stated that on entering the police car, he does not recall having seen anything on the back seat or floor of the car. He said he had never seen the metal suit cases since he had left the apartment when he was arrested, and emphatically stated that neither SHOULDERS nor the uniformed officer who arrested him carried any luggage to the car at the time they conducted him to the car or any other time to his knowledge. He said that each of them had a hand on his elbow from the time they entered the corridor until they entered the car, with the exception of the time when SHOULDERS lagged behind and was observed by HALL conversing with the individual in the hallway. HALL stated that he had never opened the large metal suit case after he originally filled it from the duffel bag, as all money obtained by him had been from the small metal case. He said that both cases had been kept locked at all times with the keys in his possession until the moment of his arrest, and that he, himself, had only opened the smaller case on two occasions out at the Coral Court as mentioned herein. He stated that at no time did he ever notice any loss of weight in either of the metal cases.

He stated that he had never heard of the city of Maplewood and had never mailed a package from there.

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B. ACTIVITIES OF HEADY

The activities of subject HEADY in this case were identical with those of subject HALL up until the rental of the apartment at 4504 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at approximately noon on October 5, 1953. She stated she remained in this apartment from that time on until the time of her arrest with the exception of one brief interval when at about 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 1953, she left the apartment by taxi to purchase a bottle of whisky, milk and a newspaper and immediately returned.

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IV. CORROBORATING EVIDENCE CONCERNING SUBJECTS' ACTIVITIES IN ST. LOUIS

A. Yellow Cab - Sportsman's Bar to Slay's Bar

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

On October 10, 1953, [redacted], and [redacted], proprietors of the Sportsman's Bar and Grill, 3500 S. Jefferson, advised they were unable to identify subjects HALL and HEADY as being patrons of their bar and grill at any time.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted], who resides at [redacted], and who is the driver of Yellow Cab # 166, advised that on Monday morning, October 5, 1953, at approximately 8:00 AM, he had picked up CAPT. HALL and BONNIE HEADY at 3500 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, and had driven them to downtown St. Louis as HALL desired to purchase some luggage. [redacted] stated they had stopped at a bar, name unknown, located on the east side of North Broadway, between Chestnut and Pine Streets (approximate location of Slay's Bar, 114 N. Broadway) where HALL had one shot and HEADY had two shots of straight whiskey. [redacted] had a coca-cola. [redacted] stated HALL had left the bar and gone to a surplus store, name unknown, located on the southwest corner of Broadway and Chestnut Streets (determined to be Broadway Army Store, 19 N. Broadway) from which he returned a few minutes later with a green and a black suitcase. HEADY and [redacted] left the bar at this time and with HALL they returned to 3500 S. Jefferson, where HALL and HEADY got out of [redacted] cab and proceeded to their car, a blue or dark green Ford. [redacted] stated they left his cab at 9:15 AM, and were not intoxicated at this time.

B. Slay's Bar

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

On October 9, 1953, [redacted] Slay's Bar, 114 N. Broadway, St. Louis, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that on last Monday, October 5, 1953, at approximately 7:45 to 8:00 AM, two men and a woman had come into Slay's Bar. [redacted] identified HEADY from a photograph and stated one man had the same build as HALL but she could not positively identify him since he was wearing a hat in the bar. [redacted] stated HEADY had two shots of Walkers Deluxe, HALL had one shot of Walkers Deluxe, and the other man, (believed to be [redacted]) had a coca-cola. [redacted] stated the man resembling HALL left the bar first and returned approximately fifteen minutes later, whereupon all three left right away. [redacted] believed they left the bar sometime in the vicinity of 8:30 AM or 8:45 AM.

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C. Broadway Army Store

On October 9, 1953, [REDACTED] Broadway Army Store, 19 North Broadway, St. Louis, stated to SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] after being exhibited a photograph of subject HALL, that it was HALL who came into his store on Monday morning, October 5, 1953, between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM and had purchased a dark green foot locker and a black suitcase. [REDACTED] stated HALL appeared to be in a hurry and did not inspect his purchase. [REDACTED] said HALL appeared to be sober at this time. b7c

On October 13, 1953, in the presence of SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was shown the two pieces of luggage which contained part of the ransom money in HALL's possession at the time of his arrest, and [REDACTED] identified the dark green foot locker and the black suitcase as the ones he had sold HALL. b7c

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D. [REDACTED] WYOMING STREET

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, advised that on the morning of October 5, last, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. they observed a male and female, both strangers to them but whom they stated believed to be subjects HALL and HEADY after viewing subjects' photographs. They further advised that they saw the subject standing near a garbage can in an alley which intersects Missouri Avenue. This garbage can was located in the rear of 2202 Wyoming.

[REDACTED] stated that at this particular time they had taken their personally owned auto from the garage in said alley and proceeded west across Missouri Avenue to the opposite entrance to the alley, which was blocked by a comparatively new car described by [REDACTED] to be either dark blue or green and was parked directly behind the garage of [REDACTED] Wyoming Avenue.

[REDACTED] continued by stating that the car was parked, the motor was not running, and that the trunk was open and the car was headed in a westerly direction and that both the male and female were outside of the auto standing beside two large suitcases which the [REDACTED] described as being large, oversized, tin suitcases, dark green in color. [REDACTED] stated that in order for him to proceed in his car in the alley, it was necessary for the male individual to move above mentioned suitcases in order that he may proceed and the male individual waved to him stating, "It is O. K."

[REDACTED] further advised that the female was standing near to the shed and the garbage can and therefore they were not able to get a good look at her but they were both reasonably certain after viewing photographs of HEADY that she was said female.

Both [REDACTED] advised that the male and female appeared to be perfectly sober and not the least bit nervous, being neat in appearance and well groomed. [REDACTED] advised that they were unable to furnish the exact number or the exact description of the auto license and that they observed no one else in the immediate vicinity other than above mentioned subjects and that they believed they would be able to identify these individuals in person if so confronted by them.

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E. Hi-Nabor Bar

[redacted] Hi-Nabor Bar, 2301 Wyoming, advised SA [redacted] on October 10, 1953 that persons identical with subjects HALL and HEADY entered the bar at approximately 9:30 a.m. on October 5, 1953. She stated that she observed them arrive in front of the bar in a dark Ford automobile. She said they shortly thereafter entered the bar, subject HALL carrying a large suitcase, and immediately returning to the automobile and bringing in another one. She stated subject HEADY stayed in the bar, had a drink and subject HALL left and was gone for approximately 10 minutes. She stated that upon HALL's return he placed a call to the Yellow Cab Company. She said that shortly thereafter they left the bar in a Yellow taxicab. [redacted] identified these individuals by photographs displayed to her.

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[redacted] Hi-Nabor Bar, advised he recalls the couple who were in the bar on October 5, 1953 around 10:00 a.m. He advised when they came in he noted that the man had a suitcase with him and that he returned for another one, which he brought in and put down in front of the pay phone. He remembered he was away from the tavern for a short while, returned and made a pay call to the Yellow Cab Company. He said he informed the man of his location on two occasions. Shortly thereafter a Yellow Cab pulled up before the front and the couple departed, the man loading the suitcases in the trunk of the cab.

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[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] on October 11, 1953 and advised that he had been in the establishment during the time subjects were there. He stated that he recalled them having two large metal suitcases with them. He noted that subject HALL had made a phone call for a cab while at the tavern. He said that they left shortly thereafter in a Yellow Cab.

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F. Yellow Cab - Hi-Nabor Bar to Greyhound Bus Terminal

On October 10, 1953, [REDACTED], Yellow Cab driver, [REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and positively identified subjects HALL and HEADY, from photographs exhibited to him, as the persons who engaged his Yellow Taxicab #21 at about 10:10 a.m. on October 5, 1953, at the Hi-Nabor Bar at 2801 Wyoming Avenue. The call was determined to have been given to him by the Yellow Cab Company dispatcher at 10:05 a.m. [REDACTED] stated that he assisted subject HALL in loading two metal trunk-like footlockers into the trunk of his cab and, after entering the cab with subject HEADY, subject HALL told [REDACTED] to drive to "used car row." [REDACTED] added that shortly thereafter subject HEADY insisted upon going to the Greyhound Bus Station at Broadway and Delmar and HALL then directed [REDACTED] to do so. Upon arrival at the Greyhound Bus Station, [REDACTED] assisted HALL in removing the metal trunk-like footlockers from the trunk of the cab and placing them on the sidewalk. HALL then paid [REDACTED] the fare, \$1.25, from two one-dollar bills and the last [REDACTED] saw of subjects HEADY and HALL was as they headed toward the passenger entrance of the Greyhound Bus Station on the Broadway side of the station. [REDACTED] described the metal trunk-like footlockers by stating that one was black in color and the other, a slightly larger one, was dark green in color. [REDACTED] estimated the weight of each footlocker as over forty-five pounds each and stated they appeared to be fully packed. [REDACTED] stated that he discharged subjects HALL and HEADY at about 10:35 a.m. on October 5, 1953.

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G. Bus Terminals

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED]

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Investigation was conducted at three main bus terminals in St. Louis, The Greyhound Bus Terminal, Union Market Building, Broadway and Delmar; St. Louis Union Bus Depot, 617 North Broadway, and the Missouri Pacific-Trailways Bus Terminal, 706 North Broadway, in an effort to ascertain the activities of subjects HEADY and HALL in connection with having possibly made inquiries as to bus schedules and trips out of St. Louis and to further ascertain if either of the subjects had checked any luggage or packages at the three above-mentioned terminals or had expressed any packages or luggage from the above three mentioned companies.

In connection with ascertaining whether either subjects HEADY or HALL had made inquiries at any of the above three mentioned terminals, all bus drivers coming in and out of each terminal; all terminal personnel such as red caps, ramp porters, ticket agents, and other personnel such as news sellers, lunch counter men were interviewed and exhibited photographs of subjects with negative results.

In order to ascertain if either of the subjects had made any trips from the above-mentioned bus terminals all drivers in and out of the terminals on October 5 were interviewed and furnished photographs of subjects with negative results. A check was made of each terminal for any luggage or packages that were placed for storage to be picked up at a later date, waybills were checked to ascertain if any packages or luggage had been shipped from the terminals on October 5 under any of the subjects' known aliases and addresses and all lockers which had been plugged on October 5th and 6th were examined concerning the ransom money with negative results.

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H. Columbo's Tavern

[REDACTED] Columbo's Tavern, 3132 South Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that subjects HALL and HEADY entered his bar at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 1953. He stated that they drove up to his bar in a Yellow Cab, which he could not identify. He said the subjects had in their possession two metal suitcases, one a trunk type and one a suitcase type, which they carried into the bar with them. He identified the photographs of HALL and HEADY as identical with these individuals.

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[REDACTED] stated that HALL had one drink and then went to the Barrett-Weber Ford Company, adjacent to the Columbo's Tavern, leaving HEADY sitting in the bar. HALL returned in about 20 minutes, according to [REDACTED] and made a phone call from the telephone in his bar to St. Joseph, Missouri. [REDACTED] advised the telephone number at Columbo's is Prospect 9792. [REDACTED] stated the subjects left his tavern at about 11:50 a.m. on the above date in a 1947 Nash automobile, which HALL had purchased at the Barrett-Weber Company.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Barrett-Weber Ford Company, advised that they saw two individuals identical with displayed photographs of subjects HEADY and HALL at the Columbo's Tavern at approximately noon on October 5, 1953 and that they had in their possession two metal dark-colored suitcases.

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I. Phone Call to BARNEY PATTON

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[REDACTED], of the Columbo Bar, 3132 South
Highway, advised that the subjects first entered
bar approximately 25 minutes before this phone call was made.
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at that bar at approximately 10:50 a.m., October 5, 1953.

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J. Barrett-Weber Ford Motor Company

[redacted] Barrett-Weber Ford Agency, 3122-57 South Kingshighway, advised SA [redacted] that an individual identical with the person appearing on the displayed photograph of subject HALL entered the Barrett-Weber used car lot at approximately 11:00 a.m., October 5, 1953. He advised that HALL purchased a red-colored 1947 Nash Sedan for \$425, sight unseen. HALL paid for this sale in twenty-one \$20 bills and one \$10 bill. [redacted] said this money was turned over to [redacted] Barrett-Weber Ford Company.

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[redacted] said he brought the invoice for HALL's signature to the Columbo's Tavern, located adjacent to the Barrett-Weber Ford Company, at HALL's request and saw that HALL was accompanied by a woman whom he identified from a displayed photograph as subject HEADY. [redacted] stated that this woman was sitting at the Columbo's Bar with two metal suitcases. [redacted] advised he saw subjects HEADY and HALL enter the instant Nash and drive away at about 11:50 a.m.

[redacted] stated that HALL mentioned to him during the conversation concerning the above sale that he had a friend "passed out" over on the corner and pointed to a yellow or cream-colored 1950 Studebaker convertible. It is noted that HALL was orally questioned after his signed statement regarding the identity of the individual occupying the above Studebaker and HALL stated that he used this as an excuse to keep his eye on Columbo's Bar, in which subject HEADY was sitting with the ransom money.

It is to be noted that coincidental with this case [redacted] was apprehended as a deserter fugitive and was turned over to the military authorities at St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] Barrett-Weber Ford Company, advised that she recalled the sale of a 1947 Nash by Salesman [redacted] and that this sale was recorded on Invoice No. 138505, which is entered on their records as Order No. 11141. The item appearing on the invoice is listed as No. 7340T, 1947 Nash, 4-door Sedan, Motor Number KE37017, Cash Price \$425. [redacted] stated she recalled this sale inasmuch as the cash transaction involved \$20 bills. [redacted] stated, however, that she received the money

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the above sale from [redacted] and at no time did she see the person with whom [redacted] transacted the sale. [redacted] advised that the cash receipts for October 5, 1953 were deposited in the Tower Grove Bank and Trust Company, 3134 South Grand, St. Louis, on the morning of October 6, 1953.

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Tower Grove Bank and Trust Company, who is assigned to Cag- No. 12 at that bank, advised that he received the deposit made by the Barrett-Weber Ford Company on October 5, 1953. He stated the Barrett-Weber Ford Company deposited approximately \$2100 and that he believed the bank still had in their possession approximately \$8,000 in \$10 and \$20 bills, which were deposited on October 6, 1953.

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A search of \$10 and \$20 bills at the above bank, which bore label dated October 6, 1953, was made and seventeen bills were identified as ransom money. A description of these bills and information regarding their disposition is contained in another section of this report dealing with evidence.

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K. 4504 Arsenal

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 7, 1953.

MARY JOSEPHINE WEBB, 4504 Arsenal, advised that at approximately twelve noon, Monday, October 5, 1953 she received a telephone call concerning a furnished apartment she had advertised for rent. Shortly thereafter an individual she subsequently identified as CARL AUSTIN HALL appeared at the above address and requested to see the advertised apartment.

Upon looking at this apartment, he stated that it would be satisfactory and that he would like to have his wife, who was recovering from a serious illness, look at it. His alleged wife, identified as BONNIE HEADY, was sitting in the car at this time. Mrs. WEBB described the car as an early model, maroon automobile. HALL assisted the woman from the car and she appeared to be quite weak. Mrs. WEBB assumed this weakness to be a result of the aforementioned illness. The couple went into the room and after HEADY saw it, they agreed to rent it. Mrs. WEBB advised that HALL identified himself as JOHN SWANN and that he was from Elgin, Illinois, where he operated a liquor store. He said he was going to be in St. Louis for approximately two months on an extended vacation.

Subsequent to these events, Mrs. WEBB went downstairs into the cellar of the apartment. HALL later called to her from the head of the stairs leading to the cellar and asked her where the nearest shopping district was. Mrs. WEBB answered there was one on Morganford but suggested a better one on Grand and Arsenal. It was approximately 12:30 P.M. that HALL left the apartment by himself for an unknown destination.

Mrs. WEBB stated that on the same day at approximately 2:00 P.M. while speaking to an unidentified man, who was also looking for an apartment, she noticed that the maroon car in which the subjects had arrived at 4504 Arsenal, was missing; she stated that at approximately the same time, HALL, with the assistance of a Laclede Cab driver, was placing two trunk-like bags in the taxi cab.

[REDACTED] residing in the neighboring apartment at 4504 Arsenal, who was jointly interviewed with Mrs. WEBB, corroborated Mrs. WEBB's statement that at approximately 4:45 P.M. on October 5, 1953, a person

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she assumed to be a cab driver asked her for the GRANT apartment, stating that he had a message for GRANT. She directed him to same and that the cab driver spoke through the door to HEADY for approximately fifteen minutes and then left.

According to Mrs. WEBB and [REDACTED] HEADY remained at the apartment the remainder of Monday and was not seen by them until Tuesday, October 6, 1953, at approximately 12:30 P.M., at which time the two women state that they were in the basement of 4504 Arsenal and a second cab driver asked for the GRANT apartment and after being directed to same, they saw the subject open the door and speak to the cab driver through the door. b7c

At approximately 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 1953, HEADY came to the WEBB apartment and asked if she might use the telephone to call a cab. Mrs. WEBB stated that HEADY called a Laclede Cab which arrived in approximately twenty minutes; that at approximately 6:00 P.M., HEADY returned in another taxi-cab, carrying groceries and whiskey. According to Mrs. WEBB, HEADY was not seen by her again until the time of her arrest.

The following reflects investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 9, 1953. b7c

Mrs. WEBB furnished the following articles which she discovered while cleaning the apartment occupied by HALL and HEADY at 4504 Arsenal. One of these articles was a torn yellow piece of paper from a telephone directory on which appeared "MA 8498, [REDACTED]". The other was a paper toothpick holder on which appeared "Pete's Cafe, Boonville, Mo., MA". Investigation conducted by the agents mentioned above reflected that the telephone number "MA 8498" was listed to the ACE CAB COMPANY, on Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and the address, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], a widow, advised these agents that she rented rooms at this address but had not rented any for the past two months. She was unable to identify pictures of HALL, HEADY or MARSH. b7c

The following reflects investigation conducted by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 10, 1953. b7(c)

During re-interview of Mrs. WEBB, conducted on this date, substantially the same information was furnished as reflected above by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In addition, however, Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

WEBB furnished the following information of value.

On Monday, October 5, 1953, shortly after noon, HEADY remarked to HALL that she would write down a list of things to be picked up, but she did not write them down at this time. HALL remarked "I got some luggage here but I got some more coming in".

On October 5, 1953, between approximately 2:00 and 3:00 P.M., she noticed that the maroon car in which HALL had driven up was gone, and during this same period, a Laclede cab brought HALL back to the Arsenal entrance. While Mrs. WEBB was conversing with an unknown man who was also interested in renting an apartment, HALL, with the assistance of the Laclede Cab driver put two trunk-like bags into the Laclede Cab and drove away. She inspected the trunk-like bags briefly as being: one dark green metal bound trunk-like bag and one brown trunk-like bag smaller than a foot locker. She further stated that this other person interested in renting an apartment, remarked to her afterwards that HALL was also carrying a brief case. With reference to the same, Mrs. WEBB stated that the taxi-cab driver had difficulty in placing the trunks in the cab and spent quite a bit of time in rearranging them.

With reference to the two cab drivers who brought messages to subject HEADY, Mrs. WEBB stated that as she recalled it, the first one who came at approximately 5:00 P.M. on October 5, 1953, was a Laclede Cab driver, and the one who came at approximately 12:30 on October 6, 1953 was a Yellow Cab driver.

A complete and detailed search of the apartment occupied by HALL and HEADY at 4504 Arsenal, the basement, immediate vicinity surrounding the apartment house and a general survey of the area of the 4500 block of Arsenal was conducted by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 11, 1953, with negative results. b7c

The following reflects investigation by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 11, 1953. b7c

[REDACTED] residing in the first floor apartment at 4508 Arsenal, the apartment house immediately adjacent to 4504 Arsenal, advised that on Monday, October 5, 1953, she noticed what appeared to be a late model, maroon car which pulled up in front of 4504 Arsenal between 11:45 and noon. The car was heading east. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish . b7c

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any detailed information concerning the car. She described the driver as a man wearing a sport coat and slacks, possibly brown, and a felt hat. She said that there was a woman in the front seat with him. ██████████ stated that she did not see either of the occupants of the car closely in order to furnish any descriptive data, nor could she further describe the automobile in question. She said she did not see the car leave, but approximately an hour or so later she noticed the car was no longer in front of 4504 Arsenal.

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She added that the man went to the apartment house at 4504 Arsenal and approximately ten minutes came out again and talked to the woman in the car. At that point the woman got out and in the company of the man, entered the apartment at 4504 Arsenal. ██████████ thought she noticed the woman wearing glasses and a light colored suit. That was the last ██████████ saw of either the man or the woman.

Sometime prior to 3:30 P.M. on Monday or Tuesday, ██████████ saw a cab believed by her to be a Yellow Cab, parked on the street to the west of 4504 Arsenal on the north side of the street, heading west. She said the cab driver crossed the street and went into 4504 Arsenal. All she could say in describing the cab driver was that his face appeared to be flushed and he seemed to be in his 30s. ██████████ was questioned in detail in an effort to determine if this occurred on Monday or Tuesday, but she was not able to recall which day it was.

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I. Old Schillelagh Bar

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Old Schillelagh Tavern, stated to approximately 5:00 p.m. October 6, 1953, a person identified by him as Mrs. HEADY entered the tavern, had two shots of whiskey, purchased a fifth of whiskey, and departed at approximately 5:10 p.m. He could furnish no other information of value.

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M. Petruso Appliance Company

██████████ driver of a Laclede Cab, stated to SAs ██████████ and ██████████ on October 13, 1953, that a person he identified as HALL approached him while he was in the Old Schillelagh Bar at approximately 12:30 p.m. October 5, 1953, and requested to be driven to Hampton Village, St. Louis Shopping Area, to purchase a radio. Finding no store in this location, ██████████ drove HALL to Petruso's Appliance Store, Morganford and Juniata Streets, where he purchased the radio. ██████████ then drove HALL to the 4500 block of Arsenal Street where HALL departed at approximately 12:55 p.m. ██████████ could furnish no other information of value.

██████████ Petruso's Appliance Company, 3153 Morganford, identified the subject, CARL AUSTIN HALL, as being the person who purchased an ivory Columbia model clock-radio from him sometime between 12:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 1953. ██████████ advised HALL purchased this radio with two \$20 bills, receiving \$11 in change from ██████████

██████████ stated that he gave HALL a small cardboard carton, which was only slightly larger than the radio, to enable HALL to carry the radio.

██████████ also advised he observed HALL leave his store after purchasing the radio and enter a Laclede Cab parked outside of the store and being driven away in this cab.

The instant two \$20 bills received by HALL were subsequently spent by ██████████ who cannot recall exactly when and where these bills were cashed.

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N. Tavern - 3225 Morganford Road

[REDACTED] at tavern located at 3225 Morganford Road, stated to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 9, 1953, that HALL entered the tavern alone on October 5, 1953, between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., had one or two drinks and departed, leaving a necktie in the restroom that [REDACTED] describes as having been worn by HALL when he arrived.

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O. LACLEDE CAB, [REDACTED] DRIVER

The following reflects investigation by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 9, 1953. [REDACTED] Laclede Cab driver, residing [REDACTED], advised he had received a phone call from subject HALL to pick the latter up at 225 Morganford at a tavern on October 5 at approximately 1 p.m. HALL came out of the tavern wearing a snap brim brown hat, tan sport shirt, and tweed brown coat, according to [REDACTED]. He told [REDACTED] "Just ride around". HALL then said "I want a nice girl" and further indicated that he did not want to frequent a "whore" house. [REDACTED] indicated to HALL that "that stuff is not my business".

[REDACTED] drove around in the cab for a while and then HALL said that he wanted to go to 4504 Arsenal to pick up a couple of "sample cases". Prior to going to Arsenal Street, he requested the driver to stop at BROWNIE'S TAVERN, Grand and Arsenal Streets. HALL was in the tavern approximately five minutes, came out, and re-entered the cab and went to the Arsenal Street address mentioned above. HALL then went into his apartment and brought out a small foot locker and a larger metal black case. He was not carrying a brief case, according to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he tried to put the foot locker and the other case in the trunk of his cab but was unable to place both of them there. Finally he put the big one in the trunk of the car and put the smaller one in the front seat with him. HALL evidenced concern about whether the trunk and suitcase were locked and tried same with a key. At this point he repeated again that he wanted the driver to "find him a girl".

HALL and [REDACTED] drove around for approximately forty minutes and then went to the JEFFERSON HOTEL. At that point, [REDACTED] spoke to a cab driver for the ACE CAB COMPANY and asked the latter if he could get a girl for HALL. The ACE CAB driver said that he thought he might be able to, but that he would have to take care of a fare. The ACE CAB driver agreed to meet HALL and [REDACTED] at Fifteenth and Pine Streets by the REED HOTEL. HALL and [REDACTED] waited at the REED HOTEL in the LACLEDE CAB until the ACE CAB driver returned.

Then the foot locker and black metal suitcase were transferred from the LACLEDE CAB to the ACE CAB and that was the last [REDACTED] saw of subject HALL. In recalling his story, [REDACTED] added that HALL was pretty well drunk when he picked him up at the Morganford address. HALL gave [REDACTED] a twenty dollar bill for services and at a later time during the course of the period described above, gave him another

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twenty dollar bill which he said was a "token of good luck". [REDACTED] indicated that he kept one of these twenty dollar bills and used the other in payment of the bill he had at the WESTERN AUTO COMPANY on Grand and Chippewa. b7c

On October 9, 1953, [REDACTED] furnished SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a twenty dollar bill, Serial Number G24123743A, which was one of the twenty dollar bills of the ransom money. On the same day, [REDACTED], WESTERN AUTO COMPANY, 3736 Grand, furnished the same agents with a twenty dollar bill, Serial Number G1826263A, which was also one of the twenty dollar bills of the ransom money. Both of these bills are being maintained as evidence. [REDACTED] advised that the twenty dollar bill he furnished Bureau Agents had been received by him from [REDACTED] in payment of a bill he had with his company. b7c

The following reflects investigation conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 11, 1953. b7c

During a re-interview of [REDACTED] LACLEDE CAB driver, [REDACTED] advised that he recalled that during the period between the time he picked HALL up at the tavern at 3225 Morganford and the time that he took subject HALL to BROWNIE'S TAVERN, he had driven HALL on Gravois towards downtown St. Louis. HALL asked him during this time where he could send a telegram and [REDACTED] told him the main office at Ninth and Chestnut. When in the immediate vicinity of WESTERN UNION OFFICE, HALL suddenly changed his mind and stated he did not want to send a telegram. During the same re-interview, [REDACTED] identified the trunk and foot locker which he took out of the Arsenal Street address for HALL to be identical with the two specimens procured by the St. Louis Office from the Broadway Army Store where HALL purchased the original bags in which the \$300,000 which was recovered was found. b7c

[REDACTED] estimated the weight of the two pieces of luggage which he placed in his cab as weighing approximately 75 pounds and noticed that they were quite heavy when he carried them to the cab. Regarding the transfer of the bags from the trunk of the LACLEDE CAB to the trunk of the ACE CAB, [REDACTED] stated that HALL took the heavier one from the trunk of the cab and [REDACTED] the one from the front seat, putting same on the street.

During the time of the transfer, according to [REDACTED] HALL watched very closely to make sure the bags were safely transferred to the new cab. [REDACTED] estimated that HALL pulled away in the ACE CAB at approximately 3 p.m. [REDACTED] identified JOHN HAGER as the ACE CAB driver involved.

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P. Brownie's Tavern

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Streets, who was contacted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 9, 1953, was unable to identify HALL as having been in the tavern on October 5, 1953, or October 6, 1953.

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C. Mc Namee's Bar

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7c
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On October 10, 1953 Agents contacted [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] stated that he was on duty, October 5, 1953
from 8 a.m. until 1:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. The Agents displayed
photographs to [REDACTED] of SANDRA O'DAY, CARL AUSTIN HALL and JOHN
HAGER, at which time [REDACTED] stated he remembered the three individuals
coming into the MC NAMEE BAR at 2500 St. Louis Avenue on Monday,
October 5, 1953 between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

[REDACTED] stated explicitly that he could remember HALL
requesting him, [REDACTED], for a pencil, a piece of paper and an envelope,
and that he, [REDACTED] furnished these to HALL. He stated that he
thought it was unusual that HALL requested above items but that he
did not pay too much attention to him after giving the items to him,
as he was busy at the time tending bar. He stated, however, that
he remembers HALL writing something on the paper and placing it in
the envelope and believed that HALL put the envelope into his pocket;
however, he was not positive of this.

[REDACTED] stated that he remembers HALL giving him a \$20
bill and he remembers giving him approximately \$18 in change. He
stated that O'DAY, HALL, and HAGER sat at a table across the room from
the bar and that he could not remember any of the conversation that
took place between them. He stated that to the best of his knowledge
they bought one drink, the men drank beer and O'DAY drank a highball.
He stated that the above three individuals were in his tavern for approxi-
mately one-half hour and he cannot recall whether they left in a taxi
or not, but it is his impression that they left in a taxi. He stated
that he does not recall how they arrived at his tavern and he could not
state whether HAGER drove a cab away from the bar, which he believed
they departed in.

[REDACTED] stated that to the best of his recollection, he
does not remember O'DAY, HALL or HAGER having any suitcases, trunks,
or packages or other items with them and he did not see any large
sum of money in the possession of these individuals. He again stated
that the only money he saw was the \$20 bill given to him to pay for the
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[redacted] stated that in regard to the \$20 bill given him, he placed the daily receipts in the safe at the MC NAMEE BAR and that no deposits have been made since then; however, he stated that he has cashed numerous checks since then and he did not think he had the \$20 bill in the safe. [redacted] checked the safe and located one \$20 bill which was checked by the Agents and found not to be one of the \$20 bills used as ransom money.

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He stated that there were approximately ten to fifteen people in the bar at the time but he cannot remember the names of any of the customers in the bar during the time these three persons were in the bar. [redacted] advised that prior to working at MC NAMEE's BAR he drove a cab for the Black and White Cab Company for five months and prior to that time he drove a cab for the Yellow Cab Company for approximately three months. [redacted] stated that he had seen HAGER prior to last Monday, since he [redacted], had driven a cab in St. Louis and he had seen HAGER during the course of that time but that he is not personally acquainted with him and did not pay much attention to him when he was at the bar on Monday, October 5, 1953. He stated he was the only bartender on duty, Monday. Although he stated he wished he could remember some of the other customers at the bar at the time these individuals were in the bar, he was unable to do so.

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S. HALL'S PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE

[REDACTED] Hall Package Liquor Store, b7c
5217 Chippewa, was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 10, 1953. She stated while walking toward the liquor store on Chippewa between 4:45 and 5:15 P.M., on October 5, 1953, she noticed an Ace cab driver emerge from their liquor store with a package that appeared to be a fifth of whiskey and enter his cab. The driver then turned around in front seat and gave the package to a man and woman in the back seat of the cab. Mrs. HALL stated she did not get a description of the woman in the back seat but noticed she had blond hair. She said that after she saw HALL'S and HAGER's pictures in the newspapers she remarked to her husband that they were the individuals who bought liquor from their store on October 5, 1953. She did not recognize O'DAY's photograph.

[REDACTED] who was subsequently interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that an Ace cab driver who he identified from newspaper photographs as JOHN HAGER, came into his store about 5:00 P.M., October 5, 1953, and purchased a fifth of 1843 whiskey and gave a \$10 bill for the purchase. HAGER then entered his cab and was seen handing the liquor to his two occupants, a man and woman, in the back seat. He did not get a description of the two occupants of the cab in question.

When questioned about the location of the \$10 bill, [REDACTED] stated that the next day she cashed a check for an individual whose name she could not recall, and was certain the \$10 was used in the cashing of this check.

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I. CORAL COURT MOTEL

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on October 7, 1953. b7c

[REDACTED] CORAL COURT, 7755 Watson Road (U. S. Highway 66), St. Louis County, Missouri, made available registration cards of residents at the above court for the period from October 1, 1953 to October 7, 1953. Examination of these cards revealed no residents bearing the name CARL AUSTIN HALL or STEVE STRAND, the latter being the name that HALL, according to SANDRA O'DAY, may have registered at this Court. The registration card for Cottage Number 49A reflects that Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WHITE of Chicago, Illinois, a party of two, registered on October 5, 1953 and paid \$16.50 in advance covering lodgings for October 5, 6, and 7, 1953. The card indicates they were transported to the courts in an ACE CAB, Missouri license 48745, and were registered by [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] furnished the above described registration card bearing the handwritten signature of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WHITE, Chicago, Illinois, and this card was forwarded to the Bureau for the purpose of handwriting comparison. [REDACTED] explained that she recalls the arrival of the ACE CAB which transported the above parties to the courts and estimates that it arrived there at approximately 5:30 p.m. on October 5, 1953. She did not observe the occupants of this cab and as a result could furnish no description concerning them. She had no contact with them subsequently to their registration, and learned of their departure when the cleaning maid indicated that she had found the keys to their cottage when cleaning it during the morning of October 7, 1953.

[REDACTED] made available all ten and twenty dollar bills which had been taken in by the motel on October 5 and October 6, 1953. Comparison of the serial numbers on these bills disclosed they were not identical with ransom money.

[REDACTED] advised that at approximately 5:30 p.m. on October 5, 1953, an ACE CAB bearing license number 48745 appeared at the motel. A man disembarked from this cab, entered the office and registered for himself and his companion as Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WHITE, Chicago, Illinois. He paid \$16.50 for three days' rental covering the period from October 5 to October 7, 1953. [REDACTED] believes that he paid the charges with a twenty dollar bill. b7c

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This individual made no further comment, returned to the cab, and was driven to Cottage Number 49A. [redacted] advised that he briefly spoke with the cab driver who told him that he had given his cab number and phone number to the individual who registered as ROBERT WHITE so the latter could tell him whenever he needed transportation.

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In explanation, the cab driver stated that this individual would be going in and out of the motel. [redacted] advised that he did not closely observe the female companion of this individual but presumed it to be his wife. [redacted] stated he did not see any luggage but made no effort to notice any since the maid had informed him that the couple had luggage. [redacted] stated he had no contact with the above individuals and did not observe them subsequent to the registration.

[redacted] stated that on October 6, 1953, approximately between the hours of five and six p.m., he observed the cab which he believed was an ACE CAB in the motor court. However, he did not observe its occupants and could not say whether it was identical with the one that transported to the courts the individual who registered as ROBERT WHITE.

[redacted] was unable to identify the individual who registered as ROBERT WHITE from the photograph of subject HALL. [redacted] described ROBERT WHITE as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Early 40s
Height	5' 10" or 11"
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark
Scars and Marks	None observed.

[redacted] explained WHITE did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol and could not recall any outstanding characteristics tending to identify this individual.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 3:30 p.m., an ACE CAB appeared at the motel and the driver inquired of her if any vacancies existed. At that time she observed a white male and a white female seated in the rear seat of the cab. She recalled seeing a single piece of luggage on the floor of the back

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seat which she described as being approximately 24 inches by 30 inches by 18 inches or twenty inches, in size, and constructed of a shiny material, either of leather or metal. She could not recall the color of this luggage. She explained that she could not say whether this constituted the only luggage in the cab.

She explained she paid little or no attention to the male occupant of the car or the cab driver but did recall that the female occupant was a white woman in her early 30s, plump in build, with a round face, wearing her hair, which was blonde in color, medium short. She wore a yellow dress and was wearing relatively heavy make-up. He described her as being "floozy" in appearance. She stated she had no further contact with these individuals and did not observe them after this time.

She recalls that a short time after the arrival of the above individuals, she observed the same ACE CAB that had transported them to the courts leave. At approximately 6 p.m. the same day, the cab returned. She recalls observing the white female in the cab when it left and returned but did not have sufficient chance to observe if she was accompanied by anyone other than the cab driver.

[REDACTED] advised he saw the individual who registered as ROBERT WHITE and who he described as being possibly identical with HALL on the basis of the latter's photograph, only on one occasion. That was when this individual departed from the cab and entered the office to register. His observation was limited because he was on the grounds of the courts. This individual did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol, being neat in appearance. [REDACTED] recalls that an ACE CAB, possibly identical with the one that transported the individuals to the motel, was observed by him entering or leaving the motel on several occasions on October 6, 1953. He could not, however, recall the times this occurred, nor did he observe its occupants and could not see whether it had any connection with the above individual. [REDACTED] advised that he could furnish no description of the cab driver or the female companion since he had not observed them.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who cleaned Cottage #4A on October 6, 1953 and October 7, 1953, respectively, advised that they had no contact with the occupants of this cottage since they cleaned it when it was not occupied. Their duties consisted in changing the linen and straightening up the cottage and they observed nothing unusual therein.

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[REDACTED] advised that the only contact had by her with the occupants of Cottage 49A occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. on October 6, 1953, when the female occupant asked her to bring some coffee. [REDACTED] was unable to do so and has no further contact with this individual or any other occupants of this type. [REDACTED] advised that she was unable to furnish a description or identify this female because of her limited observation.

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Other employees of the CORAL COURTS were interviewed and they advised that they had no contact with or observation of the occupants of 49A on October 5, 6, and 7, and as a result, could furnish no information concerning them or other activities.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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On October 7, 1953, a search of cottage 49A was made. This observation revealed that the room had been recently cleaned and was in a neat condition and that the bed contained fresh linen and all chairs and other items about the room were properly placed. A search of the room revealed the following items:

1. Pair of men's maroon ankle socks. These appeared to have been recently worn and were turned inside out. They were found on the top of the dresser.
2. A partly used pack of book matches containing 15 unused matches. This bears the advertising of Falstaff beer, and was also found on top of the dresser. This was dusted with fingerprint powder but failed to reveal any latent fingerprints.
3. One box of "Reeds" aspirin tablets found on the night stand. This is a 12 tablet box and was found to contain ten tablets. The exterior of this box was dusted with powder and appears to contain fragments of fingerprints. However, no effort was made to lift these prints, since obviously of no value.
4. One small piece of celluloid found on the floor beside the bed. This appears to be a type frequently used around the collar button on a new man's dress shirt. This does not appear to contain any fingerprints.



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5. An envelope bearing the return address of Coral Courts, 7755 Watson Road, St. Louis County, Mo. This was found crumpled in the bottom dresser drawer. It does not contain any visible writing.
6. Two sheets of stationery of "Coral Courts", which were also found crumpled in the bottom dresser drawer. These do not contain any visible writing.

This room was completely examined for latent fingerprints and about eight fragmentary prints were found, these having been forwarded to the Bureau for comparison purposes.

It was observed that immediately adjacent to the south side of the CORAL COURTS there is a wooded tract of land, approximately 25 acres. A search of this area disclosed no evidence of digging or signs indicating the ransom had been buried therein.

A neighborhood investigation was conducted among the cottages adjacent to Cottage 49A with the result that no one could be located who could furnish any information concerning the identity or activities of occupants of 49A. The identity of individuals who resided at the CORAL COURTS on October 5 and 6, 1953 have been ascertained and investigation is being conducted in order to obtain any information they may possess.

It was ascertained from , that the only telephone accessible to guests at the courts is a single public phone, Telephone Number WEBster 9632. 



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U. HARBOR INN

SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] Harbor Inn, 8520 Watson Road, St. Louis, who advised that DC
a male cab driver, accompanied by a man and woman, the latter two she
recognized from photographs as HALL and O'DAY, entered the restaurant about
10:30 P.M., on October 5, 1953, and ordered a full meal. She said they
remained at the restaurant for about an hour, paying the check with a
\$10 bill. [REDACTED] advised there was nothing unusual noted in their
stay at the restaurant.

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He stated he deposited the \$10 bill in question at the Lemay Bank and
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V. HARDWARE MART

Investigation conducted at the Hardware Mart, 5755 Chippewa by SAS ██████████ and ██████████ reflects that ██████████ recalls sales made to HALL and positively identified HALL's photograph as the customer in question. ██████████ stated HALL purchased the following items on October 6, 1953:

- (1) Two sixteen gallon galvanized garbage cans, Deluxe brand, manufactured by SCHLUETER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, St. Louis, and selling for \$3.98 each.
- (2) Two plastic bags known as clothes dampeners, selling for 98¢ each (HALL at this time requested four of these bags, but store only had two in stock).
- (3) One can of BRASCO Plastic Spray, 16 ounce size, selling for \$1.98.
- (4) One Lake Erie Brand shovel with "D" handle selling for \$1.89.

██████████ stated she believes the sale transpired during the late morning hours and that she recalls helping HALL carry the above articles to his car which she recalls as a light green, fairly new model, automobile. ██████████ stated HALL paid for the purchase with a \$20.00 bill and that he received approximately \$6.00 change. ██████████ advised that she had not seen inside HALL's car and added that the \$20.00 bill had been deposited in the Maplewood Bank and Trust Company on October 7, 1953. HALL was reported by ██████████ to be sober and calm during the time of the purchase.

Investigation conducted at the Maplewood Bank and Trust Company, 7373 Manchester Road in an attempt to locate the \$20.00 spent by HALL at the Hardware Mart was negative.

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W. PINK'S BAR

The following reflects joint investigation by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On October 10, 1953, [REDACTED] CONNOR'S PINK HOUSE, 7908 Watson Road, advised that on the afternoon of Monday, October 5, 1953, JOHNNY HAGER visited the PINK HOUSE by himself. HAGER was wearing a brown working outfit. [REDACTED] furnished HAGER a business card of the PINK HOUSE on which the telephone number of same appeared.

HAGER left the PINK HOUSE walking east. No car was visible. Later the same evening, HAGER, dressed as described above, returned to the PINK HOUSE, bought three bottles of Budweiser and left.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 1953, subject HALL entered the PINK HOUSE by himself. HALL arrived in a green two door Plymouth, according to [REDACTED]. Subject HALL commented to [REDACTED] "Why can't people keep appointments when they make them?" HALL remained in the PINK HOUSE about ten minutes and then left, heading his car in an easterly direction. Before leaving, he stated, "If someone comes in asking for STEVE, tell him he went home, and he will know what it means."

At approximately 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday a man dressed in a dark blue suit, wearing a dark felt hat, white shirt, and blue and white tie, entered the PINK HOUSE and asked if STEVE had been there. [REDACTED] gave this man HALL's message. This man then purchased two Dutch Master Cigars; and, after finding out that HALL was not there, left, walking away from the PINK HOUSE in an easterly direction.

[REDACTED] stated that the second man, dressed in blue, seemed to be a different person than HAGER, who had been in the tavern previously dressed in brown work clothes. Photographs of HAGER were exhibited to [REDACTED] and a very minute comparison between the description of HAGER as he appeared in work clothes and the man who came into the PINK HOUSE on Tuesday in a blue suit was made. The conclusion reached was that the two persons were probably identical, namely HAGER, in the opinion of [REDACTED]

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X. Boyd's Department Store, Clayton, Missouri

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 12, 1953:

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[REDACTED] by Boyd's Clayton Store, 7823 Forsythe, Clayton, Missouri, identified the subject, CARL AUSTIN HALL, through photographs, as the person who purchased several items of merchandise from him on October 6, 1953, at approximately 5:20 p.m.

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[REDACTED] advised that HALL purchased a pair of cuff links, five shirts, six handkerchiefs, a pair of shoes, and one Dobbs hat. [REDACTED] added that HALL was also measured for a suit of clothing at this time. He stated that HALL was accompanied by a man resembling the description of JOHN HAGER. [REDACTED] said he could not recall the bills used by HALL in payment for these articles.

[REDACTED] made available one pair of brown leather shoes, make unknown, which subject HALL had left at Boyd's following the purchase of the new pair of shoes.

[REDACTED] further advised that HALL and the other man left Boyd's at approximately 5:35 p.m., fifteen minutes after entering the store.

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VILLANOVA RESTAURANT, MC KENZIE ROAD AND U. S. HIGHWAY #66

Special Agents ██████████ and ██████████ questioned ██████████ Villanova Inn re HAGER's statement that he (HAGER) and HALL had stopped in for a sandwich during evening of October 6, 1953. ██████████ and his wife were unable to identify HALL, O'DAY, HEADY and HAGER's photographs as ever being in their restaurant.

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Z. TOWN HOUSE HOTEL

According to St. Louis Police Department apprehension report of the Eleventh District, Complaint Number 91595, subject CARL AUSTIN HALL was arrested about 8:45 p.m. October 6, 1953 at the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL, 5316 Pershing Avenue.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] b7c, [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] afternoon of October 7, 1953:

Mrs. JEAN FLETCHER, room manager of the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL, advised that on October 6, 1953, an individual who gave his name as JOHN HAGER registered at the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL about 2:30 p.m. After showing him several rooms, he selected Room 324 in the northeast wing of the third floor facing Pershing Avenue. It is noted that this room number formerly carried number 303, that the hotel is under renovation and in the process of renumbering the rooms.

At the time this individual registered he had no luggage but returned approximately 7:20 p.m. on October 6, 1953 at which time two individuals appeared and brought luggage to apartment 324. Bellhop [REDACTED] b7c and receiving clerk [REDACTED] assisted these two men with the luggage.

According to statement submitted by taxi cab driver JOHN HAGER, he advised he was the individual who registered for subject HALL at the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL and accompanied him later in the evening when they took his luggage to Apartment 324.

Mr. EDGAR B. SHELDON, assistant manager of the CONGRESS and TOWN HOUSE HOTELS, furnished SA [REDACTED] b7(c) with registration card 57 of the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL with the name JOHN HAGER, address 5015A Page, St. Louis, Missouri, for Apartment 324. Mr. SHELDON also presented the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL ledger account for Room 324 indicating that on October 6, 1953 Mr. JOHN HOGES (typographical error or misinterpretation of signature on registration card), rented this apartment for one month, paid in advance, \$185.00.

Mr. NORMAN K. PROBSTEIN, assistant general manager, CONGRESS and TOWN HOUSE HOTEL, advised that when individual registered for Apartment 324, he paid in advance one month's rent with ten twenty dollar bills. He stated that this money was paid into the general cash and that some of this money may have been

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used to cash checks deposited to the other cash funds used by the bar, coffee shop and front desk. An examination of all available twenty dollar bills on hand failed to disclose that any of these twenty dollar bills were identical with serial numbers of the ransom money.

At this time Apartment 324 was given an extensive search by the above named SAs in an attempt to possibly locate the missing portion of the ransom money. This search was negative. This apartment was also processed to determine if there were any latent prints available and it is to be noted that prior to this, these agents had been informed that the room had been thoroughly processed by officers of the St. Louis Police Department and also that the rooms had been cleaned that morning by a maid of the TOWN HOUSE. Latent prints were located on the medicine cabinet mirror, on the glass table top of the writing desk, and the bottom of a glass ash tray. Photographs of these latent prints and lifts were made for transmission to the FBI Laboratory.

The following pieces of evidence were also located in these rooms at the time of the search:

One Gillette razor,
One Gillette styrene travel case,
One Gillette blade dispenser and blades,
One tube of Colgate Tooth Paste,
One clear plastic tooth brush,
One bottle of Woodbury Shaving Lotion,
One can Mennen Talcum Powder,
Three sales slips reflecting purchases of clothing at
BOYD'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Clayton, Missouri,
One undershirt Globe Brand, size 38,
One pair men's undershorts, nylon, Munsingwear, size 36,
One men's style white handkerchief.

No other items on hand of evidentiary nature were located as a result of this physical search.

[REDACTED] of the CONGRESS HOTELS, including the TOWN HOUSE, advised she received ten twenty dollar bills for Apartment 324 of the TOWN HOUSE from an individual who signed his name JOHN HAGER. [REDACTED] advised that she had turned in all of her cash to the general cash fund and had no knowledge as to what happened to the twenty dollar bills received from HAGER. b7c D

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██████████ advised he has been employed at the CONGRESS HOTELS for ██████████ and that on the evening of October 6, 1953, he carried luggage to Apartment 324 which he recalled contained two large metal suitcases, dark in color, and one larger than the other, the small one weighing from 40 to 45 pounds. He estimated the larger metal case to weigh from 60 to 65 pounds.

██████████ stated that he did not know whether or not he could identify the individuals whom he escorted to Room 324 with this luggage. He also stated that after placing the luggage in the closet of Room 324, that one of the men requested him to bring up some Cokes. The other man stated he did not want any so he only brought them one. ██████████ advised that he had nothing more to do with these men and did not see them any more that evening.

██████████ at the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL, advised that he loaded the luggage onto the hotel push cart from the trunk of the automobile at the side entrance in the alley. He described the luggage as one black metal case, one larger metal case, a brown leather case, and one brief case. ██████████ stated that to the best of his recollection, he would estimate the weight of the larger metal suitcase to have been about 70 to 80 pounds and the smaller metal case to weigh about 50 pounds. ██████████ also advised that he did not believe he could identify either of these men and that he did not see them any more that evening.

Mrs. JEAN FLETCHER also advised the writer that ██████████, after reading the newspaper account of HALL'S arrest, reported to her that he had observed three individuals leaving the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL carrying heavy luggage which had aroused his curiosity. ██████████ advised that on the night of October 6, 1953 about 9 p.m. he observed three men coming out of the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL from the north entrance, each carrying luggage and appearing to be in a hurry. ██████████ stated that he was walking down the street t ██████████ and would not have paid any attention to these men except that they appeared to be in an unusual hurry. Two of the men entered a car parked on the south side of Pershing Street and the other man across the street in front of his store and entered a car from the north side of the street.

He said this man was carrying a large black metal suitcase and noticed that this man was wearing a black suit and horn rimmed glasses. The other two men across the street were each carrying bags.

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One was a big yellow bag and the other a travel bag and a portfolio. He stated that after reading the account in the newspaper, that he had recalled this incident and was curious about it at the time but did not think about taking the license number.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 10, 1953.

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Mrs. JEAN FLETCHER, room manager of the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL, was recontacted and advised that she had been unable to identify JOHN HAGER as the man to whom she rented Apartment 324 after viewing his picture in the paper and seeing him on television. She advised that a reporter from the GLOBE-DEMOCRAT had contacted her concerning HAGER's identity and later brought HAGER in person to the TOWN HOUSE HOTEL to see if he could be identified.

Mrs. FLETCHER advised that she does not think that HAGER was the man to whom she rented the apartment and pointed out that the individual who rented the apartment was well dressed in a business suit, used good English, and appeared very cultured and had no teeth missing; whereas, she pointed out that HAGER used poor English, had teeth missing in front, and stated that he did not have pink cheeks like the man to whom she rented the apartment.

[REDACTED] for the CONGRESS HOTELS, advised she likewise had observed HAGER in person and stated that she did not believe that HAGER was the man from whom she had received the ten twenty dollar bills and who had registered for Apartment 324.

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[REDACTED] who also viewed in person JOHN HAGER, advised that he did not remember seeing HAGER before and does not know whether or not he is the man he took to Room 324 on the night of October 6, 1953.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was considered fairly reliable and having a good memory but that there were many tenants that she would have registered and does not know whether or not she would be able to identify the man who registered for 324 or not.

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V. PRINCIPAL FIGURES

1. JOHN OLIVER HAGER

Through arrangements with Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department, JOHN OLIVER HAGER, original informant of SHOULDERS in this case, was interviewed at the 11th District Station, St. Louis Police Department October 8, 1953 by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the presence of Lieutenant SHOULDERS. The information obtained from him at that time was reduced to typewritten statement form and thereafter read and signed by him on the early morning of October 9, 1953. The signed statement is as follows:

[REDACTED]
BORN in St. Louis County, Mo. 7-29-14 "St. Louis, Missouri
October 8, 1953

"I, JOHN OLIVER HAGER, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in the presence of Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS of the St. Louis Police Department. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement and I have been advised that I have a right to confer with my attorney but I do not desire to do so. I have also been advised that anything I say in this statement may be used in a court of law. I have been advised that I do not have to make this statement.

"I reside at the Lincoln Hotel, 2228 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. I became acquainted with SANDRA O'DAY, known to me as SANDY, about three or four months ago in a bar in St. Louis. I have seen her about once a week since I first met her. On Monday, October 5, 1953, I was in the vicinity of the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, about 3:30 or 4:00 P.M. I saw a Laclede Cab arrive there with a man I later learned was CARL AUSTIN HALL in the back seat. I then got a fare to Union Station, after which I returned to the Jefferson Hotel, at which time I was approached by the Laclede Cab driver who asked if I could get a girl for his fare. I told him I thought I could but that I had another passenger for Union Station and that if he would meet me at the Reed Bar, 15th and Pine, St. Louis, we would talk it over. I met him there after delivering my passenger and the Laclede Driver

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opened the rear trunk of his cab in which I saw two trunk-type suitcases. The man I later discovered was HALL was in the bar at the time I arrived. The Laclde driver told me the man would be a good load as he had received two \$20 bills and didn't know whether he should give him any change or not. HALL came out and got in my cab. I asked him if he wanted to go out all night and he said yes, he was celebrating. I drove to the 1900 block of North Ninth Street and while he stayed in the cab I contacted SANDY O'DAY. I told her I had a date for her that night and it looked like a good deal. She got dressed up and went with me to the cab where I introduced her as SANDY to HALL. I still didn't know his name. He suggested that we go to a bar first and I drove to McManamees Bar on the southwest corner of 25th Street and St. Louis Avenue in St. Louis, and we all went in and got a drink. While there HALL went to the men's room and I noticed his coat appeared to bulge on one side which made me think he might be a policeman and might be carrying a gun. When he came out he asked the bartender for a pencil, some paper and a plain envelope. He turned around so SANDY and I couldn't see what he was doing and apparently wrote a letter and sealed it in the envelope. I was afraid that he was a police officer and that he was setting a trap for me by having me make the date for him with SANDY and I told him so. He laughed and said, 'if you knew what I know you would realize how funny that is'. He paid the bartender a \$20.00 bill for the drinks and gave the \$18 change to me. He then decided that he wanted to go to a motel and I thought the Coral Courts would be the best place. On the way out he asked me to stop and get some shaving equipment and wanted to know what I would be doing after I delivered them at the Court. I told him that I would stay with him or do anything he wanted me to. He said, 'That's fine, just what I want'. He then reached in his pocket and gave me five \$20 bills and told me that it was 'just a starter'. I stopped at a drugstore on the southwest corner of Grand and Lafayette to get a razor and some shaving cream which I paid for with the money he gave me. While there I saw a Laclde Cab across the street and HALL asked me to have the driver deliver the letter he had written in the bar. I took the envelope to the driver and noted that it was directed to someone in the 4500 block of Arsenal Street, St. Louis. I told the Laclde driver that I was afraid my fare might be a policeman and that the note was to tell other officers where I was taking him in the car. I told him to open the envelope and if he found it to be a note to other police officers to tear it up and throw it away. Otherwise to seal it in another envelope and deliver it. When I came back to my cab there was a traffic cop standing by it who reminded me there was no parking in that zone after

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4:00 p.m. I told him I thought I would be there only a few minutes and had not meant to over park. He bawled me out and then let me go. While I was talking to him I noticed HALL hunched up on the far side of the seat, apparently in an attempt to keep the officer from seeing him. At this time I began to wonder about him. We started again for the Coral Courts and during the trip SANDY asked him what was in the trunks. He had apparently mentioned them to her during my absence. He said that he had two trunks in the back of the cab but that he had lost two of his suitcases some place. He said the trunks were full of serum, 'animal or human, what's the difference?' During the trip he talked mostly about getting cleaned up. SANDY didn't talk much. At his request I stopped at a liquor store in the 5200 block of Chippewa and got a fifth of 1842 whisky and four packs of Fall Mall cigarettes.

"We then drove out to Coral Courts arriving there about 5:00 P.M. HALL told me to ask the manager if there were any vacancies as they had been unable to get a hotel room. The manager said he had a vacancy and HALL went inside to register. When he came out, the Manager told me how to get to cabin 49A. We drove there and I carried the suitcase-trunks up to the room one at a time. HALL seemed quite pleased with the accomodation and suggested that I have a drink with them. I did and was there from one-half to three-quarters hour. SANDY didn't drink much during this time. HALL asked me to get him a white silk shirt, some silk underwear and socks. SANDY also asked me to go to her house and pick up a dress, a pair of shoes, her purse and a stole. I was to deliver them back at the court at about 10:00 P.M. While I was there SANDY started talking about money. HALL said, 'money doesn't mean anything. I trust you two kids. Sometimes I go on a bender for three or four days. I like to have a good time and maybe spend two or three thousand dollars'. He then went to his coat which he had hung in the closet and returned with a handful of \$20 bills. He was pretty well intoxicated at that time and started to count them. SANDY interrupted him and he lost count, whereupon he got a little angry and told me to count the bills. There was one \$20 bill short of \$2500.00. He produced another \$20 and said he would make it the full \$2500.00. He told me to take the money and stash it away for him. He also told me to rent an automobile in my own name the next day and to buy us a good suit, a Hickey-Freeman suit, and to come out in the rented car the next morning. He said that he wanted to use a car for two or three hours the next day to visit someone. He then walked over to the closet and got a pistol out of his pocket and showed it to us. SANDY

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said she thought it was cute and took it from him and took the shells out. She said that it was just what she needed around the house. He got a little angry at this, but soon cooled down, saying that he had some cartridges in his pocket. He pulled out a handful of what appeared to be 25 cal. cartridges but were too small for the pistol and show us. He said that he just carried the gun for protection as he usually had quite a little money in his possession. The sight of the gun scared me. I then went downstairs to a self-service ice place and got some ice cubes, after which I went to a cocktail bar in the vicinity of the court which I believe is called Pinks Bar and got three bottles of Budweiser and two cigars. At that time I didn't know whether he and SANDY might be going out for the evening and since HALL apparently wanted me to stick around I got a business card from the manager of the cocktail bar with its telephone number on it figuring that I would stay at the bar and HALL could call me there. When I came back to the room there were \$200.00 in \$20 bills on the bed. SANDY gave it to me and told me to take it to POLLY LANE, her aunt, when I picked up the clothing. I have a 'four out of ten' cut arrangement with SANDY so I took \$80.00 of this amount and put it in one pocket for myself and the remaining \$120.00 in the other pocket for POLLY. I then left the room and started back toward town. It was about 6:00 P.M. at that time.

"I was feeling pretty good because it appeared HALL, who was known to myself and SANDY as 'STEVE' at that time, apparently had a lot of money and it seemed that he would be quite generous with me. It was my father's birthday so I met my wife in Wellston and we did some shopping. I bought a shirt, some underwear and socks at Penny's Store for Steve and a box of cigars for my father. My wife bought a pair of shoes. We paid for the purchases with one of the \$20 bills I had received from HALL. I told my wife that I had two fellows in a room who had given me \$2500.00 to keep for them plus \$100 for myself to start and that it looked as though my chances of making \$400 or \$500 that evening appeared good. I told her we might be able to get a place to live and live decently again. I took her over to my father's house and told her I would have to get back to my passengers, so after drinking one highball, both my wife and I left, she to purchase some blouses for our daughter. I gave her \$10.00 of my own money and drove her to Wellston telling her I would see her the next day. I then went to SANDY's residence and obtained the clothes she wanted from POLLY and gave POLLY the \$120.00 from SANDY. POLLY put the clothes in a paper bag similar to the ones in which cleaners deliver men's hats.

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"I then drove out to Coral Courts. HALL opened the door and seemed very glad to see me. He also appeared quite nervous as he walked up and down the floor, back and forth. He was clad only in shorts at the time. I brought the shirt and other purchases I had made for him in and asked if he and SANDY wanted to go out. He said no but that he would like something to eat, although he didn't want to travel far to get it. While SANDY was dressing in the clothes I brought Steve had the gun in his hand and said I had better take this with me. I said you had better leave it here. I took up this gun and hid it in one of the slippers SANDY had taken off. We then went to the a place to eat west of Coral Cts. above and I ate with both of them. He ordered a steak but hardly ate any of it. I paid for the meal with one of the \$20 bills he had given me after which he went back up to the room. On returning HALL seemed very fidgety and worried. He asked me if I could get him some morphine. I told him I didn't know but that I would try but I knew I could not buy any. He said I had plenty of money to get it for him and that I should get a number 25 or 26 needle as well as a syringe for it seems he had lost his needle and syringe when he had lost his luggage. He said that I was really on the ball for buying the shirt and other clothes as he had not expected it until the following day. I stayed around the room awhile and left some time around midnight with the understanding that I should return at about 10:00 A.M. the following morning with a rented car. He also told me to buy him a suitcase and a brief case and to get the best and most expensive cases I could find.

"I then drove back to St. Louis, made a couple of trips with the cab and went over to POLLY's. I left there at about 1:30 A.M., went down to a bar, had three or four highballs and went home and went to bed.

"On the morning of Tuesday, October 6, 1953, I got up at 8:00 or 8:30 A. gassed up the cab, turned in my envelope from the night before and put my cab on the lot at the Ace Cab Company and locked it up. I saw CHRIS, a mechanic at Ace and paid him either \$21.00 or \$26.00; I owed him for repairing my cab. This was with money received from HALL. I then got a cab to take me to a U-Rent-It car place around 3500 Washington, St. Louis. I was unable to get a car and so I walked up to the Heater Rent-a-Car and Truck Company, 3655 Olive, St. Louis, where I rented their car number 93, a green two-door 1952 model Plymouth for a day at \$25.00 deposit. I have

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a receive for payment of rental on this car which shows it was rented at 8:55 A.M. 10/6/53 and returned at 7:04 A.M. 10-7-53, total cost \$15.64, receipt number 21106.

"I then drove to a luggage shop at about 1824 Washington where I purchased one leather two-suitier and a leather brief case for about \$60.00. I then drove to Coral Court, arriving there a little after 10:00 A.M. HALL appeared to be in a very bad mood when I arrived as he was pacing the floor nervously. He seemed happy to see me, said he knew I would come back and that he could count on me. He noticed that I had gotten him a good suitcase too. He said that his plans had changed some and that I should take SANDY far enough into St. Louis for her to get a cab and then return to the court to pick him up. I asked him why he didn't ride in with SANDY and me and he said he had something to do and for us to go ahead. I drove SANDY in the rented car as far as Oakland and Hampton Avenues, as I knew that was a cabstand. As soon as she got in the cab SANDY said 'get going, I've something big to tell you. This guy is loaded with dough. He opened one of the suitcases and there must be a million dollars in it. I never saw so much money in my life. Don't tell him I told you cause he made me swear I wouldn't tell you'. She then opened her purse and pulled out a fist full of \$10.00 bill and told me HALL had given her \$1,000 last night. She said that she was instructed by him to take a plane for Los Angeles, California, where she was supposed to mail a letter HALL had given her. She took the letter out of her purse and I noticed it was addressed to BARNEY PATTON, 117 Corley Building, St. Joseph, Missouri. I wondered what was in the letter so I told her to open it as I was beginning to worry and the letter was substantially as follows: 'Dear Barney, things not going as good as they seem. Going to try to get a ship or plane out of the country. Maybe we'll meet in the near future.' It was signed CARL. SANDY then told me that apparently STEVE's real name was CARL. I told her I had noticed the initials CAH and the words St. Joseph, Missouri, in his hatband while his hat was on the bed. SANDY put the letter back in her purse and told me she was not going to Los Angeles but that she was going to St. Joseph and check up on this BARNEY fellow and find out what this was all about. She asked me what I was going to do and I told her I was scared and didn't know. She said she would send me a wire about 11:00 P.M. that night to let me know how she was making out. I told her to send it to HENRY WILSON, care of Ace Cab Company, St. Louis. MO.

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"After I let SANDY off, I returned to Coral Courts. HALL was in a stew, very nervous. He told me to put the suitcases in the car trunk. He left the leather suitcase I had purchased for him but brought the brief case along. He wanted to drive the car but I reminded him that he had no driver's license and he had better let me drive. I drove him to the vicinity of Bettendorf Store, Hampton and Chippewa. He said he wanted to go to a hardware store. As soon as we arrived we noted a Laclede cab, I believe carrying number 203, and he told the driver to wait as he wanted him to take me someplace. He then asked me for my driver's license but I told him I only had my chauffeur's license with my photograph on it. He said that he would go ahead without it and that he would be careful. He then left in the rented car about 1:00 or 1:30 pm. While we were in the room at Coral Cts. he talked about the \$2500 he had given me to keep for him the night before. He told me to give him \$2,000 and keep \$500 for myself. He said, 'JOHN, if you have no money you're nothing'. He also said 'This thing would be fine if it wasn't for this man making the one slip. That's why I've got to be like this. You know I trust you and SANDY. You don't have to worry. I'm going to really set you up but you've got to play it cool. I need a place in a nice quiet refined neighborhood where I can stay about a month'. He then pulled a handful of bills out of his pocket and gave them to me without counting them. He told me to go downtown and get the best suit I could find and get all fixed up and that he was going to buy me a motel in Florida and 'really set me up good'. He then reached in his pocket and pulled out another bunch of bills and gave them to me without counting them and said he wanted me to rent a nice apartment in a nice residential district for about \$200 or \$300 a month, and rent it in my own name as I was legitimate. I was to tell the management that I was a dispatcher with the Ace Cab Company and that my uncle would be staying with me for awhile. I didn't count the money at the time I received it. He left me at Bettendorf Store at about 1:00 or 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday after telling me to meet him at the Pink Bar between 3:30 and 3:45 that evening. I got in the Laclede cab and told the driver to take me downtown. I was very frightened as I thought he was going to buy some more cartridges for the gun at the hardware store. I almost called DICK GERABECK of the St. Louis Police Department and I still had that in mind when we got down to Seventh Street in St. Louis where I went into a tavern for the purpose of making the call. Then I got scared not knowing what it was all about and being afraid that he might steal the car that was

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rented in my name so I bought a couple of cigars and decided to wait a while longer before calling. I hailed another cab and told the driver to take me to the Branscombe Apartments. The lady there had nothing suitable but suggested that I go to the Town House. I walked over there and the lady manager showed me three or four places and I took one at \$185.00 per month. I told her that I owned a couple of Ace cabs. I rented the apartment in my own name. She told me to sign the register and pay the rent at the Congress Hotel which I did, using \$20 bills HALL had given me. I then hailed the same cab I had come out in which was an Ace cab driven by JOE TRAVERS and asked him where I could buy a pair of shoes. He told me of a place near Grand and Washington and we went there and I bought a pair of shoes. I then told him to take me to Boyd's Mens Store in St. Louis which he did. He waited while I went in and purchased a blue Hickey-Freeman suit for \$130.00, a Dobbs hat for \$20.00 and a belt and buckle set for \$8 or \$9.00. The salesman was W. J. (BILL) AIRHARDT. I have his card. I then went outside, put the hat and other stuff in the taxi and told JOE to wait awhile. As I was waiting for the suit to be altered I looked at some ties in Boyd's and then I happened to think of Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS of the St. Louis Police Department and the fact that I had worked with his son. So I went to the Happy Hollow Bar, got a drink and called SHOULDERS at about 3:30 P.M. I picked up the suit at Boyd's about 3:45 P.M., after which JOE drove me to my hotel where I changed into the new clothes. JOE drove me to the Fink Bar where the manager told me someone had been there looking for me but had gone home. I gave JOE one of the \$20 bills and walked over to HALL's room. He had purchased another fifth of whisky and seemed very relieved to see me. He said, 'You really look sharp. We're going to get a lot of new clothes. We'll even be herding a Cadillac before long. Just take it easy'. He asked about the apartment and I told him. He appeared pleased. He was particularly interested in the entrance and said he didn't want a place where you had to get the key at the desk everytime you came in. He became quite wild and fidgety and began talking about getting clothes and about the apartment. He wanted to go somewhere to buy some clothes. I told him I didn't know of any places open that time of the evening. He said the manager at the Pink Bar had told him stores in Clayton were open until 9:00 P.M. We went down to the car and I noticed a can of plastic spray on the seat when we got in. We drove to Clayton and found the Famous-Barr store closed. We asked some man where Boyd's was and he told us. We went there and HALL asked how soon he could get a suit. The man told him that they were very rushed and that they would be unable to alter one for him very soon. HALL said, 'I bet \$10 you can get it done in a day or two', and gave

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the man \$10.00 after which the man told him that he could get the suit the next day. He bought a Hickey-Freeman suit for \$122.40 and gave me the check to pick it up which I still have. He gave his name as JOHN BURNS and said he was staying at the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis. He also purchased some shoes, some socks, some handkerchiefs, five shirts and a hat. To my knowledge the suit has not yet been picked up. We were in the store until after it closed.

"It was about 5:45 P.M. when we left Boyd's and started back to Coral Courts. On the way back he mentioned that he wanted another girl that night as he did not want to stay by himself. I told him I would get him a good one. I was about to turn into the driveway at Coral Courts when he said, 'No, keep on going': We drove on past the court and he became very jittery. We stopped at a restaurant on McKenzie Road for a sandwich. I noticed he ate very little of it. I never saw him eat much of anything. He then got to talking about the girl again. I went in a phone booth and acted like I was calling a girl. He told me to tell her that he would give her \$200 or \$300.00. We then went back to Coral Courts. On the way back he got the jitters very bad and said, 'When I get hunches, I'd better play them. Something's wrong, we've got to move tonight'. But then he decided we should not move so we got the suitcases out of the car and all the way up the steps when a car pulled up behind my rented car and left the lights on. He became very nervous at this. I was scared too, because I thought it might be someone tailing him so I decided to get out of the way in case there was any gunplay. He told me to put the trunks back in the car while he remained just inside the door of the room. I carried them down and locked them in the trunk. There were two people in the car and they stayed several minutes after which they drove off. I went back up to the room and told him it was the people downstairs. He said, 'I got the shakes, bad hunch. We've got to move tonight'. We got everything out of the room, leaving the key in it, leaving about 6:45 or 7:00 P.M. We drove directly to the apartment I had rented. On the way we passed Watson and Chippewa and he remarked, 'This looks like the neighborhood where I parked the car I bought'. I told him I did not know he had bought a car. He said yet he had bought a car and had rented another apartment and everything but that he had lost it all; The car with the two suitcases in it and all his clothes. We pulled in an alley next to the Town House and there was an old man. HALL asked him to get him a bellhop. The bellhop came and took the luggage in a push cart. He got a key and we took the elevator to the room.

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HALL looked all around the apartment and said it looked like a good spot and he thought he was going to like it there. I tipped the bellboy \$2.00. HALL suggested that we get a couple of cokes and I told the boy to bring up one. HALL asked me if I was going to have one and I said no, that I was going to get the girl for him. I told him I would find out if she had a friend and if she did we would have a real celebration. He thought that was a good idea and he asked me how long it would take me to get them. I told him about a half hour. He brightened up considerably at this. He told me not to take the key but to knock three times on the door and tell him who I was when I came back. I went downstairs and waited at the spot in which I was supposed to meet Lieutenant SHOULDERS. He and officer DOLAN came and talked to me about fifteen minutes. They decided to go up and get HALL. They wanted me to go up to be sure they got the right apartment but SHOULDERS told me to stay where HALL couldn't see me. I went up with them. They knocked on the door and said, 'STEVE, this is JOHN'. They went inside. About five or ten minutes later Lieutenant SHOULDERS came out with a large suitcase and told me to put it in his car and for me to get down in the back seat of my car so HALL would not see me when they brought him out. He told me to follow the police car down to the police station which I did. He and the other officer brought the other stuff from the apartment when they got HALL. When we got to the police station I asked SHOULDERS if he had found HALL's pistol. They had been in such a hurry they had not thoroughly searched the room so officer DOLAN and I went back to the apartment where we found HALL's pistol in the drawer of the telephone stand. We came back to the police station where Chief O'CONNELL of the St. Louis Police Department and Mr. THORNTON of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other officers talked to me. I was in the police station until 6:00 or 6:30 A.M. the following morning at which time I told Lieutenant SHOULDERS that I had the money HALL had given me stashed in my hotel room. He told me to bring the money down and turn it in. I brought all the money I had that had been received from HALL to Lieutenant SHOULDERS that afternoon, Wednesday, October 7, 1953. It amounted to \$1180.00. This morning, October 8, 1953, I found a telegram addressed to 'FALUN WILSON, 1835 Washington St., St. Louis, Missouri', which telegram read as follows: 'Kansas City, Mo. 6 1Q51PMC: 1953 Oct 7 AM. Checked in St. Jo. coal. Stick to client like glue. Will wire you from L.A. Love. SANDY.'


"I never saw any of the money in the trunks. I have only SANDY's word that one of the trunks was full of money. Until I was

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advised by Lieutenant SHOULDERS, I had no idea that HALL was mixed up in the kidnapping case and had no information as to the source of his money. I do not know how SANDY got to Kansas City but I seem to recall her saying on the ride down to Oakland Avenue with me that she intended to take a bus to St. Joseph, Missouri. I am not aware of the significance of the first part of the telegram quoted above but I believe the last part having to do with sticking to the client like glue meant for me to stick to HALL as long as possible. I don't know of any Ace cab drivers who also know SANDY, although I believe there is one Black and White driver and two Yellow cab drivers who know her. I don't know their names or numbers. A fellow by the name of KEITH, last name unknown, who frequents the Carraras Bar at 417 Chestnut, St. Louis, where I first met SANDY was interested in her for awhile until he found out the nature of her business.

"I JOHN O HAGER have read this statement of 15 pages and is is true to the best of my knowledge I have initialed all pages and corrections

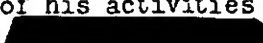

"/s/ John O Hager MO

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The original of the above statement is being made an exhibit in the St. Louis file.

The customer's claim check for the suit purchased by HALL at Boyd's Clayton Store was also obtained from HAGER and is being made an exhibit in the St. Louis file. The original telegram mentioned by HAGER as having been received by him from SANDRA O'DAY, addressed to FALUN WILSON was also obtained and is being made an exhibit in the St. Louis file.

HAGER was re-interviewed on October 10, 1953 concerning more detailed information on certain portions of his activities with HALL at the St. Louis Office by Special Agents  and  at which time he advised that he recalled a statement by HALL made immediately upon HAGER's arrival at Coral Courts on the evening of October 6, 1953 after HALL had been alone in the rented car to the

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